

# Virtual Community Meeting Questions and Answers

*Transcript of questions that were answered during the live virtual meeting on August 6.*

**Q:** What will class schedules look like for the 2020-2021 school year?

**A:** Our Director of Teaching and Learning will be sharing a bit about this in the presentation. Both elementary and secondary are working on schedules at this time. They will be shared out with families as soon as possible.

**Q:** Will online classes be different then before?

**A:** Online classes will be much different than in the spring. We will share about this tonight.

**Q:** How is the school going to help those kiddos that need the extra help? are we able to hold our kids back a year if last year they struggled?

**A:** We have been planning how to help all students be successful this year. Students will receive daily online support for their classroom teacher. As far as retention, please make sure to contact your child's school to discuss this with the principal.

**Q:** What is Big picture academy

**A:** Big Picture Academy is a Project-Based Learning program at Quincy Innovation Academy. Students in the Big Picture Program work through interest-driven projects to show mastery of 21st century skills.

**A:** The Big Picture Academy is part of the Quincy Innovation School and we are going to talk about that in just a couple of minutes.

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**A:** These options are available for elementary as well. Our Director of Teaching and Learning will tell you a bit more about this in a bit. If you still have questions, please call your child's school principal. They will be happy to discuss details with you. Thank you!

**Q:** Are there going to be actual class instructions online via zoom or is everything going to be have to done like it was in the fall

**A:** It is going to be much different this fall. Students will be participating in online classes. You will hear more about this in just a bit. Thank you!

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**Q:** How will life skills kids continue to receive their needed support.

**A:** The Special Education department is currently developing these plans.

**A:** We have been meeting with our life skills teachers to discuss and plan how to adequately meet our students' needs. This is definitely a priority for us. We want to make sure all of our students, families and staff are safe until we are able to be in person. Our plan for students this fall will be much different than spring. Thank you.

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**Q:** Will the schools provide earbuds?

**A:** Yes they will be available for all students.

**Q:** Los padres que trabajamos, como podemos ayudar a nuestros hijos pequeños a conectarse mientras estamos trabajando?

**A:** Los estudiantes chicos podrán aprender mucho más independientemente esta vez, ya que la manera que diseñamos sus oportunidades de aprendizaje en los Chromebooks (computadoras) va a ser más fácil. El distrito también proporcionará puntos de acceso a cualquier persona que lo necesite, o solución de problemas adicionales si los puntos de acceso no resuelven los problemas de conexión.

**Q:** What about the 9-12 high school check ins? Are those days still going to be happening?

**A:** Our students in middle and high school will be having 4 classes per day that they will need to join. They will be taught by their teachers daily using Google Meets. The afternoon time will consist of intervention blocks (additional support) for each of those 4 core classes.

**A:** QMS and QHS are also still planning how they might handle student registration check in days before school starts.

**Q:** Can we make it mandatory for classes to meet together and turn on their cameras so they can focus especially the teens because they turn the videos off and walk away. Make them more responsible

**A:** Students will be encouraged to turn videos on when possible. Attendance expectations will be much higher than they were in the spring. More details are coming soon on this.

**Q:** Will students be allowed to use their own home computers or will it have to be done with the chrome books?

**A:** We would prefer that our students use a Chromebook so that they have all of the tools (extensions and apps) available to them, however there is not a ban on using a home computer.

**A:** Students can use any device. The tools we have chosen may work better on Chromebooks than on other tools.

**Q:** Is there an ETA on the Special education plan. Is there going to be a separate meeting to discuss the special needs program.

**A:** We know that students in our life skills class will be doing remote learning. The plan for how we are going to adequately serve them in providing special designed instruction and meeting all their needs will happen within the next two weeks. We will be reaching out to you. Thank you.

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**A:** We can do a zoom meet in about 2 weeks to give guidance as to what the first quarter will look like- unless COVID numbers go down enough to safely have students and staff in buildings. I am also in contact with Special Ed Directors throughout our region to find out what other Districts are doing for students who really need more in school contact. I will give dates times, etc for parents who have students in life skills settings as well as invite teachers to participate so we can relay the plan for the fall.

**Q:** What will the expectation for children for school work with families who have multiple students and full time working parents? Or single parents who are working full time, who don't have the tools to teach their children?

**A:** Teachers will be recording their lessons during the day so that they can be accessed in the evening. They will also have access in the evening time to staff members to help them with the academics and with technology as needed.

**Q:** Will the parents receive training on how to use these programs, apps, and how to keep your child on schedule?

**A:** Yes. A team of families, staff, and students are putting together a plan for a variety of training options for families.

**Q:** How will chrome books that were checked out in the spring and held onto during the summer be updated with the newer tools?

**A:** Updates are done automatically when a Chromebook connects to the internet.

**Q:** What about every parent work. How the daycare provider is going to work with the students.

**A:** The daily lessons are recorded so that students can access them in the evening. Students will be able to get online during the day while at daycare when possible if that is an option. Once students log in to their class, teachers will be instructing them in the content areas. We are providing chromebooks, ear buds and carrying cases to every student so they can take it with them to daycare or wherever they may be during the day.

**Q:** Referring to the CDC's Study stating that when schools closed the number of child abuses cases dropped in schools yet increased in emergency rooms. How will QSD help students and ensure there safety at home with virtual learning?

**A:** During our remote learning last spring, our school social workers worked closely with school counselors to keep in touch with students. We are developing some social emotional skills lessons that might help students in unsafe situations feel safer about privately reporting their situation to either their school counselor or a trusted teacher.

**Q:** When will the middle school know its schedule?

**A:** Schedules will be out within the next couple weeks for students. We are currently looking at having students do 4 classes in the morning and extra support for those classes in the afternoon. More detailed plans will be released soon.

**Q:** Will the children be accountable to record 5.7 hours daily of learning? Will they be asked to be online that amount of time?

**A:** Students will be asked to engage in a mix of online and offline learning. Exact schedules, including online class meeting schedules, are being developed.

**Q:** School Supplies do we still go ahead and buy school supplies?

**A:** The school district is providing all school supplies again this year for students in grades K-5.

**Q:** Will staff be reaching out to families to check in? Especially 1:1 kids that might need extra help?

**A:** All schools are providing time in their schedule to reach out to families to conduct social-emotional check-ins and determine if extra support is needed.

**Q:** when can high school students expect to receive purchased yearbooks from last year

**A:** Please contact the high school directly.

**Q:** Se podrá mantener al tanto a los papas nos pueden mandar msg de las tareas para estar al tanto ellos como nosotros

**A:** Si , los maestros se van a estar comunicando con los padres regularmente

**Q:** Are we able to switch from the Edgenuity to in-person learning if we wanted to when that becomes an option?

**A:** I encourage you to reach out to Kathie Brown, principal of Quincy Innovation Academy for details on the time commitments specific to those programs.

**Q:** If we choose one type of learning in the beginning will we be able to change to something else later on? If we started with the homeschool model could we switch to the QIA program later on?

**A:** We are asking people to commit for the quarter to the program they are in but please contact Kathie Brown at QIA for more specific information.

**Q:** When you say "any support you may need" what does that mean?

**A:** The schools will work with the student and their parents to determine what support that the student needs and in what area to make a determination on what can be provided for the student.

**Q:** How is attendance recorded daily? Is it each time they log on to watch a lesson or will it be a specific time that they need to be on with the teacher?

**A:** Daily attendance is a requirement for OSPI. We are looking at having students complete a daily reflection that will prove their attendance.

**A:** Students will have the opportunity to show their attendance even if they need flexible schedule options.

**A:** We are still fine tuning this and awaiting some more details from OSPI but we expect that students will need to engage in learning by either interacting with the teacher or turning in some type of work or reflection about their learning in order to be considered present for the day at elementary. At secondary, they will need to engage in learning for each class period, but we are exploring ways to have fewer periods per day than they do in their traditional schedule.

**Q:** Would you recommend mildly disabled students to turn to this Apex program instead of the special education specialists at my kids' school? It would also be great to hear more about the district's program.

**A:** It is our recommendation that you speak with your child's school and case manager to make that determination at this time.

**Q:** Where's 1st grade for QIA?

**A:** QIA is Quincy Innovation Academy and is for students in grade 6th-12<sup>th</sup>

**A:** First grade and Kindergarten are both available through the Parent Partnerships Homeschool Program at QIA this year.

**Q:** What support is available for single parents who work and go to school and are unable to educate their children?

**A:** This is a huge challenge that our community will face in this situation. We are working to develop ways for lessons to be recorded so families can access them at after school hours. We are also working to provide some staff support in the evening hours.

**A:** This fall will be much different than spring. Teachers will be on the computer teaching students face to face their core content areas.

**Q:** Que pasara con los niños que van más abajo del nivel que marca cada año escolar. ???

**A:** Servicios de enriquecimiento y programas de altamente capaz estan en desarrollo.

**A:** Hemos estado planeando cómo ayudar a todos los estudiantes a tener éxito este año. Los estudiantes recibirán diariamente el apoyo en línea de su maestro de clase. En cuanto la retención, por favor asegúrese de comunicarse con la escuela de sus hijos para discutir esto con el director.

**Q:** Are there dates for when we can pick up the chrome books

**A:** The school district will send information through Remind when we will be passing out chromebooks. The school offices open on August 19th.

**Q:** Will the teachers be face to face with the students 8:30 to 3?

**A:** Teachers will be teaching core content face to face with students. It will also be recorded for students who need to access in the evening time. Students will also be able to receive intervention face to face as well.

**A:** Schedules are still being developed, not all students will be on screen with a teacher for every minute during the regular school day. However, they may get on, get a lesson, then do some work on their own before another time when they need to log in again. They will be engaged in learning for much more time than they did in spring.

**Q:** If kids get connected on recorded sessions will this count as an attendance?

**A:** We are looking at having students complete a daily reflection that will prove their attendance.

**Q:** Como evaluaremos a los maestros en su desempeño con nuestros hijos.

**A:** Siempre puede compartir sus commentarios con el principal de su(s) hijo(s)

**Q:** Como para los estudiantes que van atrasados como los van ayudar

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**Q:** Yo quiero saber cuando tengo que inscribir a mis hijos yo estoy de acuerdo que vayan a la escuela

**A:** Por favor llama a la oficina del distrito. 787-4571

**Q:** Will students be provided meals?

**A:** There will be meal service provided. The exact schedule has not yet been determined. Students will be able to pick up meals at all schools and a few bus hubs as well. They may be able to pick up meals for more than one day like they did over summer.

**A:** Food services is currently working on a food distribution schedule similar to the one in the Spring. More information will be shared shortly.

**Q:** My son doesn't even know what classes he has yet for sure . We requested some, but nothing set in stone. How does this get resolved?

**A:** No one has their schedules yet. They are currently being developed. As we get closer to school starting, the school will reach out to you about the schedule.

**Q:** How does a child do remote learning for wood shop? That seems impossible. Can we change classes to be in classes that are remote?

**A:** A large team of teachers is currently working to design plans to integrate their lesson plans into digital tools for remote learning. For specific questions about class schedules, contact your school.

**Q:** Will the live instruction time be engaging and interactive (allowing for collaborative learning), or is it more one-way instruction based?

**A:** Teachers are engaged in a large amount of professional learning this summer to design online lessons that are engaging and interactive. Planning for collaborative learning opportunities is one of our main priorities in this work.

**A:** We are hoping teachers will do a lesson and then work collaboratively with students. We are able to have students go into breakout sessions where they can work together. We want to have teachers working collaboratively with students to meet their needs.

**Q:** why is dance team not on this schedule?

**A:** Dance team will be 4/26-6/26

**A:** Dance and Drill will take place during the spring season.

**Q:** Is this sports schedule for all grades or just high school?

**A:** This is the high school schedule. The middle school schedule has not been determined yet.

**A:** Middle School sports will be working on their schedules this fall.

**Q:** Will the middle school have after school sports

**A:** We are not sure at this point.

**Q:** How can you all approve this for sports? I don't understand.

**A:** These are all contingent on our cases being lower.

**A:** These guidelines have been set by the WIAA. All schools in Washington are set by these guidelines.

**Q:** Is there any options for school district employees who have school age children in school and don't have childcare help?

**A:** The district is working with the staff labor groups to address this concern.

**Q:** Why can other schools in Grant Co go to school and not us?

**A:** All schools in Grant County got this same information yesterday from the Governor. Quincy was proactive in making our decision when we knew it was very likely that the recommendations were coming out.

**Q:** Will the paras be active in helping students?

**A:** Yes

**Q:** Is there gonna be more accountability from our students from teachers? in the spring i had troubles getting my child to do homework

**A:** Yes, daily expectations for participation and attendance will be much greater than the spring.