



# Monday Memo

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## **Welcome!**

After receiving feedback requesting more frequent superintendent updates, as we were sending throughout the crisis in the spring, I'm launching a weekly Monday Memo. My goal is to keep you apprised of our progress in planning for second semester and provide other timely updates.

## **Update on Reimagine Education OPRF 2020-2021 planning**

- The steering committee is meeting weekly to create a hybrid plan that we hope to be able to implement sometime during second semester, so that students who wish to do so would be able to opt-in to some level of on-site learning.
- A draft of the plan will be presented to the Board on Nov. 19, with a final plan to be presented for Board approval on Dec. 3.
- At its Sept. 29 meeting, the committee heard a presentation from the scientist working with LaGrange District 102 to conduct saliva testing for its students. This surveillance testing does not diagnose cases of COVID-19, but it is an effective way to identify who may be infectious even if they have no symptoms. We're working on bringing the Board a proposal to implement saliva testing at OPRF.
- A new advisory committee that includes medical experts will provide input to the steering committee on its plans for second semester.

## **Advisory period**

As we shared with you in our Sept. 11 Thoughtexchange report ([click here](#)), many students are not finding the Wednesday advisory period to be useful. Supporting students' social-emotional health is too important to just cancel this effort. But we heard you loud and clear: We need to do better, and we are working on making sure that time is truly meaningful and helpful.

## **PEP Squad**

Our attendance-data team has created a great new initiative, the Huskie PEP Squad. Administrators and non-teaching staff who volunteer to be “**P**awsitive **E**ngagement **P**artners” will each be assigned two students to engage with each week, to help keep them connected to school. Families of identified students will receive more information soon.

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**Town hall tonight!**

Be sure to tune in on [our YouTube channel](#) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. this evening. Our Reimagine steering committee will be answering your questions about current remote learning and plans for next semester.

**No classes for students Oct. 8, 9, 12**

Yes, it's true, students have a five-day weekend coming up. Parent-teacher conferences will be held Oct. 7 and 8. There are no classes for students this Thursday, Oct. 8, and school is closed for all on Friday, Oct. 9, and Monday, Oct. 12, which is Indigenous Peoples' Day.