



# Monday Memo

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## Key dates:

- **Dec. 24 - Jan. 6:** Winter Break  
**Jan. 7:** Institute Day, no classes for students
- **Jan. 8:** Remote Learning Planning Day, no classes for students
- **Jan. 11:** Second semester begins; classes remote through at least Friday, Jan. 15

## Important links:

- Our website page with [COVID-19 and school reopening updates](#)
- [Complete semester 2 hybrid learning plan](#)
- [FAQ](#) about hybrid learning

## Counselors & deans calling families who did not make a hybrid selection

We had a significant number of families who did not make a selection in Skyward for either on-site or remote-only classes once hybrid learning begins. The default in these cases is remote-only for the entire second semester, which may be fine with many who did not complete the process. However, just to make sure that families understand the result of non-selection, our counselors and deans are calling to confirm.

## Earliest possible hybrid launch: Jan. 19

Our ability to launch our hybrid learning plan will depend on local and county COVID-19 metrics. The earliest possible date we may begin bringing students back on site would be Tuesday, Jan. 19. Our intent is to launch with a few days of only freshmen on site, to help them acclimate as they would have on our annual back-to-school Huskie Kickoff Day, which of course we did not get to hold this year. We will let families know the first week of semester 2 how the metrics are looking and what our plans for hybrid are at that point.

## Cohort assignments available by Jan. 11

As explained in the hybrid learning plan, students who opted for on-site classes will be divided into four cohorts that will rotate through on-site classes. We are working with an outside programmer to ensure that the cohorts as well as the overall class schedule is as balanced as possible. We anticipate sending students their cohort assignments by the time second semester classes begin on Monday, Jan. 11.

## Board of Education discussion of saliva screening

To help identify potential cases of COVID-19 and reduce the chances of transmission in the building, the district is considering implementing a saliva screening process for students and staff. At its Dec. 17, 2020, regular meeting, the Board of Education discussed two screeners the district has been considering and the pros and cons of implementation. To view the Board presentation and discussion, [click here](#) to go to the video on our YouTube page, and go to the 5:36 time marker.

## Follow the 3W's over break!

I hope you all have a restful winter break. And please remember to stay safe and follow the 3 W's! We need *everyone* in our community to them if we are going to be able to launch hybrid learning as soon as possible after break.

- **Wear a mask.** Make sure your nose and mouth are covered.
- **Watch your distance.** Stay 6 feet apart.
- **Wash up.** Practice good hand hygiene by washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Have a wonderful holiday. I can't wait to see--actually SEE in person!--many of you in the new year.