

Dear parents, staff, and community members,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As you know, the start of the 2020-21 school year has been a challenge for all of us, and I continue to appreciate the level of cooperation and understanding from everybody. Our success will continue to hinge on us working together.

And while our teachers have risen to the challenge of educating students with a Remote Learning Program, we have continued to plan towards safely bringing students back in-person as soon as possible.

Since July, we've made a few adaptations to our *In-Person Hybrid Program* to accommodate changes in staffing, changes in the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) guidelines, and the transition from remote learning. As we work through the steps of this transition, we ask parents to begin considering their options of either moving to the In-Person Hybrid Program or remaining with the Remote Learning Program. Similar to the plan we had in July, the In-Person Hybrid Program will allow students to attend on either Monday and Tuesday *or* Thursday and Friday.

While many families may consider moving to in-person instruction, remote learning remains a part of our learning program until we are able to transition fully back to school. To that end, we are committed to implementing a strong remote learning program. Please share your thoughts about fall 2020 remote learning activities on this [survey](#). *If you have multiple children and would like to share different feedback for each child, please complete a separate survey for each child.*

Our target dates for on-site learning vary by grade level and are listed below along with other important dates:

<i>Friday, September 18</i>	<i>No School - Remote Learning Planning Day for staff</i>
<i>Friday, September 18</i>	<i>Re-release the Hybrid plan to families, which largely resembles the plan we presented in July</i>
<i>Friday, September 18</i>	<i>Parents receive a new survey regarding choice of remote learning or in-person for the remainder of trimester one (trimester one ends Friday, Nov. 20)</i>
<i>Friday, September 25</i>	<i>Parent survey closes</i>
<i>Friday, October 9</i>	<i>No School - Remote Learning Planning Day for staff</i>

<i>Monday, October 12</i>	<i>No School - Columbus Day</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 13</i>	<i>First day of in-person attendance for the following groups: Pre-K (3 year olds), K, 1st and 6th grades</i>
<i>Monday, October 19</i>	<i>First day of in-person attendance for the following groups: Pre-K (4 year olds), 2nd - 5th, and 7th - 8th grades</i>

We wanted parents to have these important dates so they could start planning accordingly. Once parents have the updated plan on Sept. 18, they should be able to make their selection for the second half of trimester one (which ends Nov. 20). We will continue to plan for trimester two and will keep parents informed regarding instruction following Thanksgiving.

As parents consider their options this week, we ask that you hold any questions until the full plan is re-released this Friday. Our hope is to continue moving forward with providing the best possible education while keeping the health and safety of students, staff, and their families a priority. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through the uncertainties of this pandemic.

Take care of yourself and each other,

Dr. Eric Olson
Superintendent