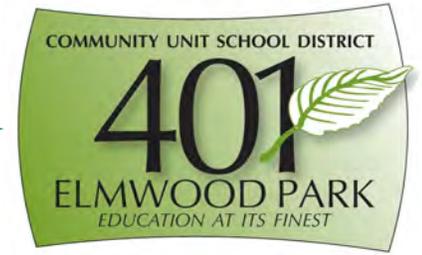


Elmwood Park C.U.S.D. #401

Leah Gauthier, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



January 22, 2021

To: Elmwood Park CUSD 401 Stakeholders
Re: January 22, 2021 Stakeholders Update

We've had an exciting week in District 401. We were able to welcome back some of our hybrid learners to our four buildings. This was possible due to the hard work and collaboration of all of our stakeholders. We are looking forward to welcoming more students back starting on Monday.

We are focused on following the safety measures to keep our students and staff safe when they are in our buildings. Every morning staff and students that are scheduled to be in the building that day receive an email to certify their health prior to entering the building. If someone is unable to certify their health they will be unable to enter the building. This is one of our safety protocols. More information about our safety screener and protocols can be found here: [Family Safety Flyer](#)

On Friday, January 29, 2021, there is a scheduled early release day. The school day for students will end at 1:00 pm so teachers can be a part of professional development. Detailed information will be provided by each building principal about what the day's shortened schedule will look like for your child. Middle school and high school students will remain fully remote on that day.

As we plan for inclement weather this winter season I wanted to share that we will not have snow days this school year. With being 1 to 1 with technology and all students taking their materials home nightly it sets us up to remote learn if there is a need to call a snow day. Instead of calling a snow day I would communicate out to staff that they would work remotely and to families that their child would be a part of Remote Learning 2.0 for that day. In the past we were not 1 to 1, nor did we have a schedule to be able to do this.

Thank you to all of our stakeholders for your continued support and collaboration as we transition to our new learning environment. We will continue to share information and have everything posted on our Learning Plan page on our website: www.EPCUSD401.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah Gauthier".

Dr. Leah Gauthier
Superintendent of Schools