

October 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

The teachers, administrators, and I are working hard to keep your children safe while continuing to maintain a strong educational program. An increasing number of students are switching from remote instruction to in-person instruction, or the reverse, without providing the teachers time to prepare for this change. This is making a challenging teaching environment even more difficult when trying to deliver planned activities.

To make it easier on families who need to make this change and in the interest of getting the students back in school, the district is reducing the time to make a change in learning modes. Please allow up to one week's notice for students to make this change. A letter from the parent or guardian to the principal is also required for these modifications to the learning plan. Please do not put your child on the bus or drop them off at school if you have selected the voluntary remote learning option. Similarly, do not keep your child home from school without a week's notice and expect that the teacher will be able to immediately accommodate your child in lessons that were prepared for a different configuration of students.

We understand that there are students who the school and/or the Department of Health have mandated that they quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID. The school will notify teachers of these students and will be able to immediately access lessons for those two weeks. Parents who keep their child home for normal short-term illnesses or due to other family matters will be marked absent as they have in the past.

Students moving in and out of school also jeopardize the cohorts that are being maintained to minimize exposure to other students. We ask for your support in keeping all students and staff healthy and respect the desire for our staff to plan appropriately for the students in their classes.

I hope you and your family remain healthy and safe during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Patricia Charles
Superintendent