

PS 24 Families and Friends,

I am looking forward to returning to our building on November 5th (half day). Here are a few updates as we enter the month of November:

In-Person Dates

November 9 – Cohort B

November 16- Cohort A

November 23 – Cohort B

November 30 - Cohort A

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 5th. Attendance will be taken, and students are expected to engage in a half-day worth of instruction (in-person and remote) from 8:30 - 11:20. If your child is expected to engage in in-person learning, please make sure to pick your child up at dismissal at 11:20 to ensure our staff can begin their conferences on time.

Election Day

Please note that all instruction on Tuesday, November 3rd will be done remotely. This means that all students in the "A" cohort will receive remote instruction from their in-person teacher. Teachers are expected to provide live, synchronous instruction throughout the course of the day.

Report Cards/Grades

After collaborating with SLT, the team has collectively decided that all students for the 1st quarter will receive the grade of "NL" in all content areas. The DOE has allowed this designation if a teacher feels that they have insufficient data to provide an accurate grade. To ensure that students are provided the most accurate grade possible, all students will be given this grade of "NL" for the first quarter.

Since the team collectively felt that feedback and next steps were more important than a numeric grade, teachers are expected to include valuable feedback and next steps on the report card, despite not providing a grade. Teachers have been instructed to have an appropriate, clear, and actionable plan for each of your children that is communicated to you on the report card and in conversations.

Opting In to Blended Learning

As announced in the [October 26 letter](#) from the Office of First Deputy Chancellor (OFDC), the only planned blended learning opt-in window for families for the 2020–21 school year is from **November 2** through **15**. During the blended learning opt-in window, families and schools will have access to the following:

Blended Learning Opt-in Window for Families:

Families who had previously chosen remote-only learning will be able to opt-in to blended learning for the remainder of this school year using the [Learning Preference Survey](#). Using the same survey, families will continue to have the option to switch from blended to remote-only learning at any time. Families can also call 311 to complete the survey over the phone if they prefer. A [letter for families](#) will be available later today, with translations available shortly. It will be great to see everyone again on November 5th. Please have a safe and wonderful weekend.

Steven Schwartz
Principal

