

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT LETTER FOR 10-28-2020 4 P.M.

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Middle School Students:

As you know, the district's reentry plan has been focused on taking deliberate, purposeful steps. We are committed to minimizing student and staff exposure in order to keep them safe and, as a result, keep you and your families safe. Because of the steps we have taken, we now believe that we can bring back middle school students.

We do not do this lightly. We are successfully serving all Cohort A and B kindergarten through fifth-grade students with face-to-face instruction, and we believe our safety protocols will allow us to serve our middle school students safely as well.

On Monday, November 9, Cohort A and B sixth-grade students will begin attending school for face-to-face instruction four days a week (Monday–Thursday). Fridays will remain e-learning days.

A week later, on Monday, November 16, Cohort A and B seventh-grade and eighth-grade students will also come back to the same schedule — face-to-face instruction four days a week (Monday–Thursday) and Friday e-learning days.

This plan does not impact students in the Online Learning Academy.

Bringing middle school students back will challenge us because middle school students change classes many times during the day and have other opportunities to gather as they participate in athletics, performing arts, and other activities. As a result, we need your help.

Please encourage and continue to reinforce with your students the importance of:

- wearing a mask while on a school bus and campus.
- practicing good hygiene (wash/sanitize hands often, cover coughs/sneezes with inside of elbow or tissue, etc.).
- practicing social-distancing measures in classrooms and common areas.
- following school officials' directions regarding health and safety.
- letting their teacher or another staff member know immediately if they don't feel well or think they may have any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Middle schools will begin receiving Plexiglass over the next few weeks. To provide the safest environment possible, we will combine the use of Plexiglass with our efforts to follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advice to practice the "3 Ws" — wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance (social distancing).

As we continue to bring students back safely, we will begin to focus on our high schools and will have more information about that plan soon.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Remember. We are Stronger Together.

Dr. Greg Little, Superintendent