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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians:

We currently have tentative plans to transition all students to “in-person” learning over the next several weeks. Students will still have the option to remain in “full-time distance learning.”

We have partnered with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), our Regional Support Team, and county public health officials continuously throughout the pandemic and have received support for a “phased approach” in transitioning grades 6-12 to in-person learning over the next several weeks. The plan is to have all 6-12 students back in the building 5 days a week by March 24. Wednesday afternoons will still remain teacher planning time as required by an Executive Order from Governor Walz.

While we transition back, distancing will be reduced but maintained at the maximum possible in each given area. Students will be required to wear a mask and keep it over the nose. Students will be warned, and if it becomes an issue, students will be sent home for the day where they will be expected to participate remotely through distance learning for that day. Please speak to your child(ern) to make sure they understand the importance of wearing the masks. In order for us to proceed with our plan, the wearing of masks is required. Any student choosing to not wear the mask properly will have the option of distance learning.

When students are transitioned back, they will be expected to attend five days a week unless they are ill. Hybrid learning two (2) days a week will **no longer** be an option. We ask that if your child is not feeling well that you do not send them to school and contact our school nurse, LaDonna Olson at 507-416-2105.

Below is the roll-out schedule that is subject to change:

1. January 26: Grade 6 moved to in-person learning four days a week under additional mitigation strategies. Grade 12 students were provided the opportunity to attend in person four days a week under hybrid learning safety measures.
2. February 12: 7&8 no school for them. 6th-grade in-person and 9-11 run regular hybrid Middle School Teachers that teach both would teach their HS classes that day. When grades 9-11 transition back, those grades will not have school, but grades 6-8 will. Teachers teaching both would teach MS classes on that day
3. The start date for 7-8 will be February 16

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

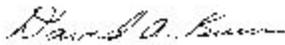
Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

4. February 26 or March 1 will be a transition planning day for 9-11 staff. 9-11 parents should anticipate a future communication on what date in the next two weeks.
5. March 2: Bring 9-11 with a priority list based on a survey that will be administered to 9-11 parents within the next week.
6. March 10: 6-8 Wednesday mornings change to "in-person" same as Elementary
7. March 15: Transition any remaining students to "in-person" 4 days a week. This will be the last opportunity for students to transition from full-time distance learning to in-person learning until the start of Quarter 4 (April 6).
8. March 24: 9-12 Wednesday mornings change to "in-person" same as Elem. & 6-8

The plan and timeline above is contingent upon School Board approval as well as any changes by MDE, MDH, or the Governor in the coming days, weeks, and months.

We are very excited to bring students back and cannot wait to have them here again. The pandemic has been very difficult for all of us to navigate. The school system has been challenged. Thank you for all your help and support during this incredibly difficult time!

Sincerely,



David A. Bunn, Secondary School Principal