



# New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools

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## 2020-2021 School Year Learning Model Family Update

December 31, 2020

### Plans to Return Secondary to *Hybrid Learning* and Move Elementary to *In-Person Learning*

Dear Families:

In my last update to you on December 23, I mentioned that both schools were developing transition plans to prepare the Secondary School to return to *hybrid learning* as early as Monday, January 11, and the Elementary School to move to *in-person learning* as early as Monday, January 18. A great deal of work and planning has taken place to move the Elementary School to *in-person learning* and return the Secondary School to *hybrid learning* as additional mitigation strategies must be in place for both buildings.

At its January 4, 2021, annual Organizational Meeting, the School Board will consider a plan that will return the Second School to *hybrid learning* beginning January 11, and move the Elementary School to *in-person learning* beginning January 18 with a two-week rolling start. An update will be forwarded to families on Tuesday, January 5.

We continue to monitor closely the positive cases throughout our three counties and within our communities. I am optimistic that the trend downward will continue, but it continues to be important for us to do all we can to minimize further spread of the virus. We continue to communicate on a regular basis with county and state public health officials as we monitor what is happening within our two schools and our four communities.

Thank you to those families throughout the holiday break that have been contacting the school district to report positive cases within the household. If you have a family member who is currently isolated due to testing positive, please make sure all other family members remain quarantined and contact the school nurse, Donna Olson, @ 507-416-2105 or lolson@nrheg.k12.mn.us. Having an accurate record of isolations and quarantines will be an important factor in determining if we can move forward with our planning to return to *hybrid learning* on January 11, and also the planned move of the Elementary School to *in-person learning* as early as January 18.

Thank you for all you are doing to take care of yourself and those around you! I wish you a safe and healthy start to the new year!

Dale Carlson  
Superintendent