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2020-2021 School Learning Plan Family Update

August 13, 2020

Dear Families:

I wanted to provide you with an update regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

As I shared with you in recent updates, the [Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan for the 2020-21 School Year](#) instructs school districts to determine the **base learning model** to be used to start the school year. There are five models:

1. In-person Learning for All Students
2. In-person Learning for Elementary Students & Hybrid Learning for Secondary Students
3. Hybrid Learning for All Students
4. Hybrid Learning for Elementary Students & Distance Learning for Secondary Students
5. Distance Learning for All Students

At its meeting today, the District's *Advisory Council* determined the base learning model to start the school year should be ***In-person Learning for Elementary Students & Hybrid Learning for Secondary Students*** based on updated data available to the *Advisory Council* today. The School Board will take action on the *Advisory Council's* decision at the August 17 School Board meeting. You can anticipate a final decision communicated to you no later than August 18.

The specific learning plans (*In-Person for All Students, Hybrid Learning, Distance Learning*) will also be presented to the School Board on August 17 for approval. You can expect detailed information about the plans shared with you the week of August 17 as well.

We will continue to follow the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and executive order guidance to assist us in our decisions going forward. If the COVID 19 risk increases, we may need to switch to a more restrictive learning model, or if the risk decreases, we may turn to a less restrictive model.

Thank you.

Dale Carlson
Superintendent