

## **Sophomores Returning To School - Email Sent to Parents:**

Dear ISD staff and families,

We continue working hard each and every day to serve and support our students! We have a waiting list of students who would like to return to fully in-person learning and our goal is to get all students back in-person who wish to learn in this mode as quickly and safely as possible. We know many students need that in-person support and we are here to serve our students. We will continue offering virtual learning for those who prefer virtual instruction, continuing into future school years as well.

We have been carefully scaffolding the return of additional in-person students. Our staff and students have done an incredible job with proper mask wearing and social distancing to allow us to remain safely in school. We will continue to follow the recommendation of the CDC, Children's Mercy and other health professionals, with classroom spacing between students remaining at least 3 feet.

Our schools will continue to make reasonable best efforts to minimize contact, however, attending schools in-person will introduce a greater risk of exposure. With class size numbers increasing, please be aware that we may have a rise in quarantines as a result. And as a reminder, parents and guardians have the option at any time to transition to virtual learning if you choose. Please contact your child's school directly to make that change. As we have communicated through the pandemic, we want to continue to offer choice for our families.

**The next groups of students we plan to allow to return to fully in-person learning if they choose will be our Hybrid sophomores, no sooner than February 8.** Parents and guardians of Hybrid sophomores will be receiving an email with a survey to determine how many wish to return to full-time, in-person learning. We will evaluate responses and numbers to determine if we can safely accommodate that return at this time. Those parents will receive a robocall communication next week once numbers have been evaluated to determine if those student groups will return on February 8.

**We will also be bringing back Hybrid 6-8 grade students who need significant academic support no sooner than February 8.** Parents/guardians of Hybrid 6-8 grade students who do not have passing grades in multiple classes will be receiving a separate email to notify those who will begin full-time, in-person learning on February 8.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work to best serve and support our staff, students and families!

## **Freshmen Returning To School - Email Sent to Parents:**

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**The next group of students we plan to allow to return to fully in-person learning if they choose will be our Hybrid 6th, 8th and 9th grade students on March 1.** Parents and guardians of Hybrid 6th, 8th and 9th grade students will be receiving an email with a survey to determine how many wish to return to full-time, in-person learning.

It is our hope to offer the opportunity for 7th grade students to return March 15. We will communicate about that in the weeks ahead. We have been carefully scaffolding the return of additional in-person students. Our staff and students have done an incredible job with proper mask wearing and social distancing to allow us to remain safely in school.

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