November 13, 2020

Dear Families,

Our first hybrid/in-person model and remote instruction model is coming to an end on Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Upon return from Winter Break on Monday, January 4, 2021, we will begin our second hybrid/in-person model which we expect will take us to the end of the school year.

In order for us to best prepare for a responsible reopening, we are asking for your help in the planning process. Families will need to decide what choice is best for them so that we can anticipate how many students will return for in-person instruction. Based upon the responses of the survey, the District may have to readjust cohorts to accommodate students. We may also need to adjust grades Prek-6 to a different model with reduced days of in-person instruction, etc. Families, please note that you may choose to keep your students online for remote learning for the remainder of the year if that is your preference. The other two options are as follows:

**Hybrid Model**

**At grades Prek-6:** Students attend school on a four day a week model (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). On Wednesdays, all students will participate in a synchronous or asynchronous remote learning model.***This may need to be adjusted due to survey responses.*

**At grades 7-12:** Students will alternate between in-person learning and structured, online (synchronous) learning throughout the week. Students will be assigned to an “A” or “B” schedule and will attend school in-person on a Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday basis. For example: Group A attends Monday/Tuesday and Group B attends Thursday/Friday. This will help to ensure that fewer students are on campus which helps to maximize physical distancing and safety measures. On Wednesdays, all students will participate in a synchronous or asynchronous remote learning model.***Cohorts may be adjusted due to survey responses.*
Remote Learning –
Parents have the option to keep their students in remote learning. Learning will continue to occur in a fully remote setting. Students who continue in remote learning will engage remotely with a teacher(s) in a structured learning environment. Students who continue in remote learning may engage remotely with a teacher and have both teacher led (synchronous) and teacher assigned (asynchronous) learning experiences.

It is extremely important that you make your selection no later than Friday, December 4th. Please click on the following link https://forms.gle/4Fd4GJUuWiLpKhZy6 to fill out the questionnaire for your selection.

This questionnaire is critical in helping us plan ahead so that we can ensure we have the proper safety measures and staffing in place for your children. If the number of students choosing a hybrid/in-person instructional model exceeds the limit of students that we can accommodate based upon the guidelines set forth by NYS Department of Health and NYS Department of Education, the District will have to develop a different model to offer to our families.

Sincerely,

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