



November 14, 2020

Groves Families,

You received a selection form this week, and then on Thursday evening, we moved into "red" status as a district. This status means that all students in all grade levels will return to remote learning beginning Monday. Data will be evaluated every two weeks to determine if any in-person learning is safe for students. The high school's proposed return date is December 1st, and we are continuing to plan as such, which is why we are asking families to select a hybrid model (some in-person learning) or an all-live streaming instructional model for your student through the selection form. If you have already completed your form, and need to make changes, please email me. If you haven't submitted your selection, please know you have until tomorrow evening if you need more time.

Cohorts will be created based on the number of students who select the hybrid model, as we need to ensure that every classroom does not exceed the capacity for student work spaces to be six feet apart. At full capacity, in most classrooms, there would be no more than 12 students.

A parent question-and-answer Zoom session was held Thursday evening. If you were unable to attend, we reviewed a few documents:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E6eJe1ROhTvMB3c7JOF4oICPgf-rsMIZ/view?usp=sharing> (This illustrates the difference between the two instructional models, and can answer some questions.)

I have also attached the draft of the schedule that is being considered if we move to a hybrid model. Students would be assigned to the AM or PM cohort if families have selected this model. Students who are learning remotely would follow the same schedule and stream into classes at the scheduled time. This schedule aligns with the middle school schedule, as we share some staff and students with Berkshire. The middle part of the day would allow students to travel home (if in-person), have lunch, and take a break before logging into afternoon classes, and would allow staff to clean student work spaces between in-person groups.

Safety Procedure Items:

Students will enter the building at designated doors by grade level. Staff will check that a student's health screener is completed, and will have his/her temperature checked. All hallways will be one-directional and clearly labeled. Staff will monitor hallways throughout the day. Restrooms will also be monitored so that no more than two students are in the restroom at any given time. Cleaning student work spaces will be done between each class.

The OCHD states that quarantining would occur for all persons who were within six feet of a positive case for a cumulation of 15 minutes or more in a day. We will have accurate seating charts and will measure that all work spaces are more than 6 feet apart. Students who are quarantined can then live-stream into classes for instruction if they feel well enough.

Breakfast and Lunch:

All meals will be "grab and go" style from our Food Services Department; given the proposed schedule, lunch will not be served in the traditional way at school.

Programming Updates:

Busses will still run for our OSTC programs to and from Groves. A shuttle bus will still run between Groves and Seaholm for classes, and students will also be permitted to drive to and from these campuses with parent permission.

Instructional Items:

Students who are live-streaming will receive similar instruction to what they are currently with Groves teachers, and will not have to change their schedules. The teacher will instruct both the students that are in-person and those online simultaneously. This sounds difficult, but we have visited many schools at different levels who are finding success with this. Several additional technology items are being added to each of our classrooms to enhance this experience for all students and staff.

We continue to plan around all of the items mentioned here, and we have researched what other districts are doing, and what they have learned not to do as well. We have two working committees around safety and instruction that include our District Nurse, students, and staff. Please know that we feel we have to continue to plan (and adjust plans) so that we are prepared for when in-person learning can commence.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to email me.

Thank you for your support as we navigate through a multitude of changes,

Dr. Smith

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File attachments:

[High School Schedule Hybrid and In-Person.PNG](#)