



December 18, 2020

Groves Families,

As many of you are aware, the BPS Board of Education voted on a date where high school students could return to in-person learning if families have selected this option. That date is Tuesday, January 19th. The plan for hybrid (a combination of in-person and virtual learning) has changed from the initial proposal of five half days each week. The approved plan would be that students who would like to participate two days each week in hybrid learning, and students would be in two cohorts based on last name. This allows us to socially distance each classroom. Cohort A would attend in-person on Mondays and Thursdays, and Cohort B would attend Tuesdays and Fridays in-person. Wednesdays is livestreaming (the model we are currently using) for all students. All students will attend class every day of the week in some model (either in-person or livestreaming). Five days of instruction will take place each week for all students.

The proposed schedule would include first hour starting at 8:10 each day, and class periods would be similar to the schedule we are currently using, but there would be two lunch periods. We will socially distance several lunch areas for safety purposes, and cafeteria service will resemble a "grab and go" style. Open campus (leaving for lunch) will not be permitted nor will food deliveries from restaurants be permitted.

In the initial survey sent that asked families to select in-person learning or virtual learning, we had about one-third of the responses state that their student would remain in virtual learning. For general planning purposes, that would mean our building would have approximately 400 students who would participate in all classes virtually. 800 students would participate in the hybrid model, but would be divided into two cohorts. This means approximately 400 students would be on campus any given school day every day but Wednesdays.

If you did not respond with a learning option selection for your student in the survey previously sent, please email me at ssmith4@birmingham.k12.mi.us OR if you would like to change the selection made previously for your student, please email me that change as well.

For those families who have not yet made a selection, a Groves staff member will reach out to you beginning next week. We need this information to determine the cohorts.

Administration would like to host a Parent Information Session about the approved plan on Monday, December 21 from 4-5 p.m. Here is the Zoom link for this meeting
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85008088126>.

Thank you for your patience and support as we have worked through a constantly-evolving plan. Please reach out to me if I can help to answer any questions.

Dr. Smith

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