



St. Elmo CUSD #202
1200 N. Walnut
St. Elmo, IL 62458

February 4, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The St. Elmo CUSD #202 Board of Education and Administration realize that this has been a challenging and frustrating school year for everyone. The pandemic has forced all of us to do things that we have not done in the past. We appreciate your hard work and diligence with our Remote Learning.

As stated in our Back-to-School plan, it is our goal to provide the best education possible while protecting the health and safety of our students and staff. In conjunction with the updated guidance from the CDC regarding the reopening of schools and the revised mitigations for our region, the Board has approved revisions to the Back-to-School Plan, including guidelines and a timeline for returning to in-person instruction. **We feel that in-person instruction is most effective and expect all students to return for in-person instruction beginning Monday, March 15, 2021. We will resume in-person instruction five (5) days/week at this time.** The district will be transitioning from Remote Learning to Non-Traditional learning for all students who are approved. Parents of students with extenuating circumstances (ex. medical) wishing to participate in Non-Traditional learning will be required to submit an application for consideration by February 22, 2021. Applications will be available on the website and must be returned to the Unit Office. Applications will not be accepted after February 22, 2021. Please keep in mind that Non-Traditional learning will be different than Remote Learning. Work may be sent home electronically, paper packets may be utilized, and video instruction may not be provided. You and your child will need to assume more responsibility for your child's learning.

Dates of Importance:

February 8: Remote Learning Day for all JH/HS students

February 22: Deadline to submit applications to be considered for Non-Traditional learning

March 8: Remote Learning Day for all JH/HS students

March 15: All students expected to return for in-person instruction (unless the Non-Traditional learning application has been submitted and approved)

March 16: Hotspots/devices must be returned (Elementary & JH/HS)

Please Note:

- Non-Traditional learning will be replacing Remote Learning - as described above
- Dual-Credit courses must be in-person
- Dismissal time will continue to be 2:30 daily
- Students are expected to remain in-person throughout the school year, unless under quarantine
- Students will be expected to attend in-person 5 days/week beginning Monday, March 15th
- Failure to return March 15th will result in a truancy referral

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to strive to do what is best for our students. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Julie Healy, Superintendent