

February 24, 2021

Dear Van Dyke Families:

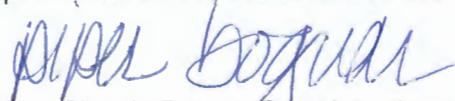
Excitement, anticipation, and cautious worry abound as some of our students return to school in the next few weeks. I want to give you an outline of what our schools will look like in the immediate future, and if you have chosen to send your child back you will hear directly from your child's principal and/or teachers regarding specific start dates.

Within the district, teams of teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, and other valued staff members have been working and giving input to ensure that our hybrid plans are safe. Teams have also done the best possible job to execute these plans in a way that will welcome children back while also providing the virtual education that much of our district population has asked to continue. You'll see that not every child will be coming back at once. This will allow for safety and health protocols to be taught and for students to acclimate to social distancing in schools.

The table below highlights our hybrid plan as far as the face-to-face instructional times. Remember that our teachers will still be providing the same virtual education they've been providing all year, and all of our resources will still be available. Our staff is proud to serve our students so robustly and to enter this new chapter.

	Elementary (TK-5)	Middle School (6-8)	High School (9-12)
Days of the Week	Tuesday and Thursday <i>*only students whose families/parents have asked that they return – details forthcoming</i>		
Session Details	AM Session: 3rd Grade PM Session: 2nd Grade	PM Only	PM Only
Initial Grade Levels	2nd and 3rd	6-8th graders with specific, identified needs (Course Recovery)	9th and 10th grade Credit Recovery
Timeline for remaining Grade Levels	Week of March 15 and beyond: Additional students in need and by parent request	Week of March 15 and beyond: Additional students in need of course or credit recovery and parent requests for in-person school	
Breakfast/Lunch	Students will be given time to eat breakfast (AM Session) or lunch (PM Session) and will take additional meals home at the end of the day	Students will receive a bagged lunch when they enter the building. They may choose to eat it as they arrive or to keep the food and take it home with them at the end of the day.	
Transportation	Bus transportation will be provided if a student typically receives transportation services.		
Safety/PPE	Masks will be worn at all times; Cleaning will be done on a schedule in all buildings; all CDC recommendations will be followed.		
<b>*Success Academy and Special Education students' families will receive separate, detailed communication.</b>			

There will be other "above and beyond" items within each building that will be communicated to you. Please also understand that your child may not see their specific teacher(s) immediately if they are in-person. We have many staff members waiting to be vaccinated, and will continue to be respectful of everyone's safety. I ask that you continue to reach out for support and resources. As always, I appreciate your partnership and support as we plan and adjust to this public health crisis and all that comes with it.



Mrs. Piper L. Bognar, Superintendent