



# CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

*Encourage Excellence Every Day with Compassion, Commitment, and Community*

August 5, 2020

Central 51 Families,

At last night's Special Board Meeting, the Central 51 Board of Education approved the attached [Central 51 Fall 2020 Return to School Plan](#). The resolution that was approved also allows the superintendent to make changes as necessary due to health conditions locally and the changing guidance from local, state and federal officials. We anticipate that aspects of this plan will change before the start of school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. We appreciate the feedback/questions/concerns from our parents, teachers, and staff over the last month. We are working to update our FAQ to answer as many of your questions as possible. See below for more information:

## **Registration**

Registration will now remain open through Wednesday, August 12, 2020 to allow parents more time to determine the best option for their family. Information on placements will follow as soon as possible after registration is closed.

## **Updated Public School Calendar**

The Board of Education approved an [updated calendar](#) for the 2020-2021 school year last night.

*Items to note:*

- Teachers will participate in two Remote Learning Planning Days on Tuesday, September 1 and Wednesday, September 2. Districts are allowed to take five Remote Learning Planning Days within the school calendar. Right now, we are only scheduling these two days at the front of the calendar. Remote Learning Planning Days count as student attendance days. If our district returns to 100% remote learning, we may adjust the calendar to include the other three Remote Learning Planning Days.
- All half days except for the last day of student attendance were changed to the schedule outlined in the Return to School Plan. (CPS: 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and CIS: 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.)
- The first day Tuesday, September 8 is not a half day anymore. Students will attend at CPS: 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and CIS: 8:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- November 3 (Election Day) recently became a legal school holiday and we can't be in session for school.
- The last student attendance day is Tuesday, June 8 which is a half day student attendance.
- The last day for paraprofessionals/teachers is Wednesday, June 9.
- The schedule for parent/teacher conferences remains the same.

### **Remote Learning 5 Days a Week Option**

Edmentum and Edgenuity are the two curriculum programs being considered for fully-remote students.. The team is deciding how district teachers will be involved with the lessons provided from each of these companies along with how teachers will manage both in person instruction and remote learning. Meetings are scheduled for tomorrow, August 6 with both Edmentum and Edgenuity representatives to clarify our remaining questions. We expect to make a decision on which curriculum best meets the needs of our district after these meetings.

Most importantly, our teachers will be making contact and developing relationships with students regardless of which option is selected. In addition to regular contact with the teacher, we are looking at opportunities where remote learning students can be engaged in classroom activities from home. Families choosing remote learning five days per week will be committing to the full first quarter of the school year. Students may be registered for the blended schedule and move to all remote at any point in the quarter.

A quick link to calendars, schedules and communication can be found on our website under [COVID-19 Information -> 2020-21 Back to School Information](#). Again, we appreciate your support, understanding and patience as we navigate this global crisis together. Have a wonderful rest of the week and take care! #wegotthis

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Heidbreder". The script is fluid and cursive.

Dale Heidbreder, Superintendent