

Sage Parents-

Return to School. We are continuing our work on our [School Re-Opening Plan](#) for the 2020-21 school year. Our first day of school for students on the in-school learning plan will be September 2 and the first day of school for students on the at-home learning plan will be September 3. Currently we have 85% of our students choosing our in-school learning plan. Our parent At-Home Learning Option Survey is now closed – if you decide that your student will choose our at-home learning option you will need to email the building principals directly with this request.

Student Busing. We are encouraging parent to car-pool and provide rides to and from school in order to reduce the total number students on busses. All parents of students requesting to ride a school bus (route or shuttle) must complete our [Student Bus Sign-Up Survey](#). Students are eligible for bus routes if they live at least 1.5 miles from a school building. Parents/students are going to have to opt in for bus service this year. No opt in means no bus pickup or dropoff. Once we have the list of students requesting bus service we will design our bus routes to keep the number of riders to under 50 per bus. Students will be assigned to the bus stop that is closest to their home. Bus passes will be used only in extreme extenuating circumstances due to limited bus capacities and student tracking. The survey is due Wednesday, August 19 at Noon.

100% Full Remote Learning Plan. You have likely seen school districts making decisions to start the school year using 100% remote learning. We are continuing to watch the COVID-19 variables for Monticello and Piatt County and we still plan to implement our at-school learning plan at this time. That said, each time we receive modified school guidance from IDPH, CDC, and ISBE we are faced with new restrictions for school re-opening. There are several factors that will be considered that would cause us to have to go to our 100% Full Remote Learning Plan. These include the following: a mandated school closing from Gov Pritzker, a sharp increase in the number of COVID19 positive cases in a school building, school district, or Piatt County, an inability to provide a safe school environment for students/faculty due to changing health dept/state guidance, and our ability to adequately staff our schools – lack of teachers/substitutes/aides/custodians/cooks/office staff due to unforeseen future conditions. We are ready to shift to this plan as needed.

We continue to appreciate your patience and understanding during these crazy times. We are looking forward to seeing our students in the 2020-21 school year.

It's a Great Day to be a Sage!

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