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Hello Bulldog Families,

Thank you for all of your help, patience and cooperation during the first few days of school. **OVERALL**, everything has gone very well with all aspects of our school reopening plan, and this has taken a commitment from everyone involved—students, staff and our families—thank you!

The purpose of this email is to extend information to you about switching from in person learning to remote learning or vice versa.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE:

At the elementary level, these changes are particularly challenging for us. While we want to accommodate all families and their needs, we have, at each grade level from Kindergarten through 5th grade, at least two classrooms, with two teachers, who are dedicated 100% to remote learning. When we switch kids back and forth between in person and remote learning (or vice versa), our students must change teachers, and class sizes become more out of balance. This is not positive for our students or our teachers. It is important in our elementary grades to establish a community of learners where relationships are built each day with all students in a classroom. This is even more important during the pandemic when so many other aspects of education are disrupted and look different. Should we move a student from in person to remote learning, or vice versa, we will need to move multiple students around to different teachers in order to maintain a balanced class size between all sections. This is not ideal and can be disruptive for many students.

At this time, requests to change from in person learning to remote learning, or vice versa, will be handled on a case by case basis by the principal of the building and will only be honored if there are extenuating medical circumstances which warrant such a change. Moving ahead, any requests for changes that are made now will be in effect through the remainder of the first semester which ends on December 18, 2020.

Please note that if K-5 students test positive for COVID 19 or are required to quarantine due to exposure, we will not be moving these students to a remote-only classroom. We will continue to support their learning through the quarantine in a variety of ways depending upon the grade level, teacher and student needs.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

Because of the learning/teaching model at both Mahomet-Seymour Jr. High School and Mahomet-Seymour High School, we can more easily honor requests for changing from in person to remote learning or vice versa than we can at the K-5 level.

If you wish to change **FROM** remote learning, **TO** in person learning, you must enroll in the Wednesday/Friday in-person format. Tuesdays/Thursdays in person currently have more students enrolled and we are striving to balance out the enrollment.

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PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE DATES:

- **Wednesday, September 16, 2020:** This date, originally, was a 2 hour early release date on our school calendar. *We will NOT be having a 2 hour early release on this date on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.*
- **Monday, October 12, 2020:** This date was originally a day off from school to acknowledge Indigenous Peoples Day. We will now have school on this day. Since it is a Monday, it is a 100% remote learning day for all students.
- **Tuesday, November 3, 2020:** Election Day is now a state holiday in Illinois and all public schools will be closed. (Please take the time to vote!)

Thank you for reading such a lengthy email, have a great rest of the week!

Very sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey A. Hall

Superintendent of Schools