

2020-2021 Fall Plan/Transition Plan

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Rationale: Grant CCSD #110 remains committed to providing high quality in-person educational and extracurricular programs for students. The Illinois Department of Public Health recently developed COVID-19 County and School Metrics containing the following elements: positivity rate, number of cases per 100,000, number of new cases, and youth case increase. These metrics have been a part of what the Health Department has used for recommendations. In a meeting on September 4th, the Health Department stated they would support transitioning students back to school. A letter was issued on September 10th stating that the return to school will be a local decision made by superintendents and Boards of Education. The Health Dept. understands that each school and community is unique and we need to make local decisions which are best for our kids. In cooperation with the St Clair County Health Department, District #110 will begin our 3 week transition plan back to in person learning, following the Phase 3 ISBE Reopening Guidance, making determinations based upon the regional and county metrics, but also placing significance on the status of our school and district health.

All Plans Are Subject to Change

We are excited to have students return to the building! We appreciate the flexibility everyone has shown as we adjust to the ever-changing landscape associated with the pandemic. Please know that we intend to run school in person for as long as possible. We also understand that there will likely be interruptions to our in-person attendance. There is no set regiment for what an interruption may look like. It could be individual students, a classroom, a grade level, a building, or the district as a whole. We will continue to work with the local Health Department to address possible exposures or positive cases on an individual basis, preserving the learning environment as much as possible.

There is no set data point from the Health Department, IDPH, or the CDC that is a threshold for in or out of school. The decision is based upon data and an analysis of current conditions. Some factors which will cause the district to return to remote learning in targeted or system wide levels could be:

1. Executive Order from the Governor or IDPH.
2. Staffing Levels. If we have quarantine situations which cause our staffing levels to fall below our ability to implement effective operations.
3. A significant number of positive cases and/or required quarantine cases.

Transition Weekly Plan:

We will continue full remote learning through Friday, September 18, 2020.

Week #1: (9/21-9/25): Special Education, by individual schedule.

Week #2: (9/28-10/2): Specific special education populations (case managers will contact parents), PreK, Kindergarten, and fifth grade. We will switch back to normal school hours this week (see below)

Week #3: (10/5-10/9)): Return to the in-person plan that we were going to begin the year with. Remote selected students will remain remote through the end of the quarter.

We will return to the school hours originally planned for our August 10th start date. The school hours will be:

Grant Middle School - Monday – Thursday 7:40am – 2:20pm, Friday 7:40 – 12:15

Illini Elementary – Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 2:50pm, Friday 8:30am – 1:00pm

IMPORTANT: Students that elected to be fully remote for the quarter will continue as planned. For families who would like to adjust from a remote choice to an in-person selection, the school needs to be notified by September 30. We will be sending out a google form to collect your declarations for the second quarter.

We have learned a great deal over the course of the last month or two. Since bringing our staff back, we have had an isolated situation where Covid-19 may have been spread to another person in the building. We learned that wearing your mask properly at all times while in the building, social distancing, washing hands frequently, and a sanitizing regimen are keys to a healthy learning environment. We feel that these lessons learned will help ensure success when students return.

Staff Children at School: When we transition back, we will have District #110 students in the classrooms and buildings. This will be the time when we will only allow staff children to join us if they are enrolled students in the district.

Nursing/Health Personnel: Our district is committed to providing and maintaining a healthy environment for students and staff. Our health professionals will be available to meet student needs and provide much needed guidance.

Before Arriving at School: All students and staff members will conduct daily health and well-being checklists. Students exhibiting symptoms of sickness should not come to school. We are asking parents to contact the school immediately upon recognizing symptoms. School health professionals will be available for consultation.

Upon Arrival at School: Each student entering the building will be temperature checked. The district will utilize infrared temperature scanning devices. Students will not be permitted to congregate in groups prior to the beginning of school.

PPE/Masks: Guidelines mandate that students must wear a mask at all times while in the school building. The school will issue masks to all students. These masks must be on before a student will be permitted in the building.

The School Day: Current guidance allows for in-person instruction. Current guidance requires all students to wear face masks in class at all times. We will have a 5 day week, with an early release on Friday, as was proposed at the beginning of the year.

Cafeteria Procedures: Seating will be limited at each table and in each area to provide social distancing when students are eating in the cafeteria. Lunches will be packaged for student pickup. Students will be required to remain in the designated area throughout the entirety of the lunch period. Students are permitted to bring a lunch from home. The USDA has granted the waiver for extending the Summer Food Service Program. This means all students will qualify for breakfast and lunch. For remote families, lunch will be available for curbside pickup, prior to lunch periods in the buildings. (10:15-10:45)

Physical Education: Physical education classes will be conducted throughout the regular school day. Students will not have access to the locker room facilities, and will not be required to change clothes in order to participate. Athletic shoes will be required. Students will be permitted to remove face coverings outdoors if they maintain social distancing.

Athletics/Activities: The SIJHSA, IHSA, State Board of Education, and Illinois Department of Public Health continue to review and plan for upcoming seasons. Our coaches, directors, sponsors, and teachers will comply with all guidance. We are hopeful that our athletic teams and extracurricular programs will have the opportunity to compete.

Technology: Our district has issued each student their own Google Chromebook in support of this blend of in-person and remote learning. Students in grades K-4, returning in person, will need to return their Chromebooks to school for use. They will be available in student's classes and will only be sent home on an as needed basis. Students in grades 5-8 will transport their Chromebooks on a daily basis. It is essential Grant Middle School students charge their devices each night. There will not be charging stations available at school.

Transportation: The district will continue to provide student transportation. Guidance states that all students must wear a face covering while on the bus, and parents must

insure the daily wellness check is complete prior to boarding. Route and pick-up/drop-off times may have to be adjusted in order to comply with guidance regarding the number of students allowed on the bus.

LatchKey: Morning and afternoon LatchKey will be made available for our families. Social distancing and cohort group monitoring guidance will be followed.

Building Cleaning/Sanitation: Our district will employ the best cleaning/sanitation protocol possible. We invested in electrostatic sterilization equipment. The building will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day. Each evening the entire building will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school.

Implementation: Our district and community health partners have worked to develop a plan that maximizes student opportunities, while prioritizing student and staff health and well-being. We recognize that this fall will be like no other we have experienced. We feel that, together, we can have a successful school year. This will require everyone to be flexible and to comply with this guidance. Ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment is our utmost priority. We are asking for your patience and understanding as we strive to do our very best. Please recognize that the plan described above is subject to change as our guidance evolves.