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Dear La Farge Schools Community,

Today we are announcing a revision in how La Farge Schools will maintain our three-phase learning model plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

There are two main changes:

First, our yellow phase is moving from a 100% virtual model for grades 6 - 12 to a hybrid model. Students in grades 6 - 12 will attend school in person on Tuesdays and Fridays, and will learn remotely with live teacher-led online classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In the yellow phase, elementary students will continue to attend school Monday - Friday (Monday - Thursday for 4K).

Second, we will be using some additional data points to determine when we can shift learning models. We will not be relying as heavily on the single case level rate data point as we had previously shared. While we are tracking that and other data points closely, and know that case levels and transmission rates in Vernon County are rising, at this time La Farge Schools has no active cases, and overall through the past seven weeks, we have had very few cases total. We continue to be vigilant about student and staff symptoms, cases, and exposures, and thank our students and families for working with us through those situations.

Based on these changes, La Farge Schools remains in the Yellow Phase for the week of October 19 and until further notice. Elementary students will remain in session five days/week, and MS/HS will begin the new Hybrid model, attending school two days/week and learning remotely for the other three.

More information will be emailed to middle school and high school students and families to prepare for beginning the hybrid learning model the week of October 19.

It is important to remember that while the Learning Model is in the Yellow Phase for the whole district, smaller groups of students may need to transition to remote learning for short-term intervals based on:

Active cases, attendance rates, staffing ratios, evidence of in-school transmission, or other circumstances related to our local public health conditions.

You can visit our website for more information about how we are working to mitigate risk of transmission within our buildings. We have had success working with our families who are choosing remote learning for their students, and this option will remain available for families who would like to participate.

An [always-current dashboard](#) is also available on our website. This is where you can check to see current internal cases and learning models.

This school year is like no other we have had in the past and we will continue to respond to changing situations with the flexibility of and collaboration with our students, families, and community members.

Sincerely,

Meaghan Gustafson
Superintendent

GREEN	Green = 100% of students may be in school (virtual option still offered to students and families concerned about returning to in-person classes). The district uses a modified school day 8:00-2:30 five days per week. Various safety measures and virus mitigation strategies are in place. 4K is Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 2:30; 3-Play on Friday mornings.
YELLOW	The district continues to offer in-person classes, five days a week to students in grades K-5 (4K Monday - Thursday). The district uses a hybrid/cohort learning model for grades 6 - 12 to limit the numbers of students/exposures in the buildings. Grades 6 - 12 attend in-person classes on an A/B schedule on Tuesdays and Fridays. All other days are virtual learning.
RED	No students on campus, staff may or may not be required to report to campus. Fully virtual learning with live/synchronous class/small group meetings.