



# School District of Cambridge

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CSD Families:

I'm writing to inform you about decisions made by the School Board at their regular monthly meeting last night. The Board discussed the current rise in COVID-19 cases in our region and state. They also discussed our significant increase in staff absences, in large-part due to reasons related to the virus. At the same time, the district has a significantly reduced substitute pool to cover these absences. The shortage of subs led the district to close the elementary school this week and move to full virtual learning for all elementary students until November 2.

For these reasons the Board made significant adjustments to our timelines for returning many of our students to in-person learning. The following are targeted dates decided by the School Board to return students to in-person learning at each grade level.

<u>Grade Level Band</u>	<u>Return to School Date</u>
Pre-kindergarten – Second Grade	November 2, 2020
Third Grade – Fifth Grade	November 16, 2020
Sixth Grade – Twelfth Grade	January 25, 2021 (2nd Semester)

In addition, the middle and high school will continue to have small groups of students in school to work with teachers. The purpose of these small groups is to meet the significant learning challenges of some of our students. Small groups may also be invited in to work on learning that cannot be done in a home environment, such as welding, construction and possibly other areas of our curriculum. Small groups of students in grades 3-5 may also begin attending after November 2.

The Board recognizes that this delay to in-person learning may cause significant challenges for many of our families. It is everyone's hope and desire that the pandemic will ease its grip on our community and we can once again return to a more normal routine in our lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernard Nikolay".

Bernie Nikolay