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Hello Bulldog Families,

Below you'll find some additional information and answers to some commonly asked questions as they relate to the recent Return to School Survey. We hope this helps in making your decisions for second semester. **As a reminder, you only need to complete the survey if your child is changing from remote to in-person or in-person to remote.**

If you still have a need to complete the survey, please do so by: **Tuesday, October 13, 8:00 a.m.**

Here is the link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/omuCQsq9dmHt4HnZ7>

Thank you!

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Superintendent of Schools

Synchronous Learning:

How does the district define synchronous learning?

Synchronous learning is when there is a designated class time.

Are teachers expected to “teach” the whole time during synchronous learning?

Good instruction can look different from class to class and subject area to subject area. In some classes, teachers lecture while students take notes. In other classes, teachers present new material during part of the period and provide in-class time for independent and/or guided practice. Some teachers assign a project that takes place over multiple days. While students have the entire period to work on their project either independently or in a group, teachers are available for questions and support. If you have questions about the instructional method used in your child's class, please reach out to the classroom teacher.

Buses:

Bus routes will be limited to 50 riders. This follows IDPH and ISBE guidelines.

Classes Sizes and Social Distancing:

We will continue to follow IDPH and ISBE guidelines, social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Families can use the average class size for a building and the average sq. ft. per classroom to determine if the space will allow for social distancing to the extent they are comfortable. When calculating is important to remember that not all classrooms are square and there is furniture and other items in a classroom. On average to get a 3' radius or 6' total distance, each student needs approximately 28 sq. ft.

Middletown Prairie: If 25% of students remain remote only, class sizes for in-person learning will range from 18-23 students per classroom. Should the number of remote only students drop to 20%, class sizes will range from approximately 20-24 students per in-person class. Square footage per classroom at MPE averages 755-810 sq. feet.

Lincoln Trail: If 25% of students remain remote only, class sizes for in-person learning will range from 24-26 students per classroom. Should the number of remote only students drop to 20%, class sizes will range from approximately 25-28 students per in-person class. Square footage per classroom at LT ranges from 725-885 sq. feet.

Junior High: Combining the current A/B day students would result in no classes over 25 students in a core class (math, science, social studies, English Language Arts). Most classes are smaller. Class sizes moving forward will be dependent on the number of students in the individual sections/classes moving from remote to in-person. If ALL students moved to in-person, the largest core class would be 30 students. The smallest classroom at the junior high is 475 sq. ft.

High School: Combining current A/B day students would result in no classes at the high school over 25 students. Most classes are smaller. Class sizes moving forward will be dependent on the number of students in individual sections/classes moving from remote to in-person. If ALL students moved to in-person, the largest class would be 36 students. (This excludes study halls, physical education, and advisory.) The smallest classrooms at the high school are 725 sq. ft.

Remote Only Classes:

We will continue to offer remote only classes for students in grades K-5. In grades 6-12 remote students will continue to virtually attend their classes with their in-person peers. We are exploring options of remote only sections but are unsure at this time if remote only sections are able to fit into the schedule.

Why do we have to decide now?

We must plan bus routes to ensure no route has over 50 students.

Understanding the importance of social distancing to the greatest extent possible, we are looking at in-person class numbers and relocating JH/HS sections with larger class sizes to larger classrooms when possible.

During lunch no more than 50 students can be in one location. A strong estimate of the number of in-person learners will ensure we have created enough lunch times and spaces.