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2020-2021 School Year Learning Model Family Update

January 5, 2021

Elementary moving to *In-Person Learning* and Secondary Returning to *Hybrid Learning*

Dear Families:

The purpose of this update is to share with you the learning model plans for moving the Elementary School to *in-person learning* and returning the Secondary School to *hybrid learning*. In my last update to you on December 31, I mentioned that the School Board would be meeting on January 4, 2021, to consider a plan that would move the Elementary School to *in-person learning* and return the Secondary School to *hybrid learning*. At last night's School Board annual Organizational Meeting, the Board did approve a plan to return the Secondary School to *hybrid learning* on January 11 and move the Elementary School to *in-person learning* under a two-week "rolling start" beginning January 18.

Highlights of the Elementary School Plan to move to *in-person learning* beginning January 18 include:

- *Distance learning* for all students continues January 4-8
- For the week of January 11 at the Elementary School, January 11 & 12 will be **no school days** for students while staff are provided the required two days of transition planning. Wednesday, January 13 will be a *distance learning* Wednesday from 8:30am – 12:00 pm for all students as it has been under both *hybrid learning* and *distance learning*. Thursday, January 14 will be Hybrid Learning Day A and Friday, January 15 will be Hybrid Learning Day B.
- A 2-week "rolling start" for *in-person learning* at the Elementary School will begin on January 18. The rolling start allows Bridges/Kindergarten through grade 2 to attend school in person from 8:30 am until 3:05 pm M/T/Th/F, while grades 3-5 attend in the *hybrid learning* model. Wednesday morning from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm will be *distance learning* instruction for students, while Wednesday afternoon will be *distance learning* planning for staff.
- Beginning, February 1, all elementary grades will attend in person from 8:30 am until 3:05 pm on M/T/Th/F. Wednesdays will be *distance learning* instruction from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm, and the *distance learning* staff planning from 12:35 – 3:05 pm.
- The designated *distance learning* instruction and *distance learning* planning on Wednesday is designed to assist with the instruction of full-time *distance learning* students.

Highlights of the Secondary School Plan to return to *hybrid learning* beginning January 11 include:

- *Distance learning* continues January 4-8
- The Secondary School student *distance learning* schedule for Friday, January 8, will be from 8:28 am until 12:00 pm to allow staff to plan in the afternoon for the transition to *hybrid learning* beginning January 11.
- *Hybrid learning* begins for the Secondary School on January 11 with the same previous *hybrid learning* schedule including *distance learning* instruction Wednesday mornings and *distance learning* staff planning Wednesday afternoons.
- The designated *distance learning* instruction and *distance learning* planning on Wednesday is designed to assist with the instruction of full-time *distance learning* students.

You will find the learning model plan below. The building principals will be sharing more details and responding to questions to assist families with planning for the transitions.

We continue to monitor closely the positive cases throughout our three counties and within our communities. I am hopeful that the trend downward in cases will continue, but it remains important for us to do all we can to minimize further spread of the virus. We communicate on a regular basis with county and state public health officials as we monitor what is happening within our two schools and our four communities.

Thank you to those families throughout the holiday break that contacted the school district to report positive cases within the household. If you have a family member who is currently isolated due to testing positive, please make sure all other family members remain quarantined and contact the school nurse, Donna Olson, @ 507-416-2105 or lolson@nrhcg.k12.mn.us. Having an accurate record of isolations and quarantines will be an important factor in determining if we can move forward with our plan to return to *hybrid learning* on January 11, and also the planned move of the Elementary School to *in-person learning* as early as January 18.

We anticipate our learning model status will continue to be impacted in the coming weeks and months by positive cases and quarantines within our school buildings beginning with the ability to adequately staff each school. Families need to be ready to move to a more restrictive learning model i.e. distance learning, in a short period of time.

Thank you for all you are doing to take care of yourself and those around you! I wish you a safe and healthy start to the new year!

Dale

[Secondary School - January 11 return to Hybrid Learning](#)

Distance Learning (DL) January 4 - 8

January 4	DL	8:28 am - 3:05 pm
January 5	DL	8:28 am - 3:05 pm
January 6	DL	8:28 am - 12:00 pm (Students dismissed from DL at 12:00 pm) Staff DL Planning (12:00 - 3:05 pm)
January 7	DL	8:28 am - 3:05 pm
January 8	DL	8:28 am - 12:00 pm SECONDARY STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL Staff Transition Planning (12:00 - 3:00 pm)

Hybrid Learning (HL) Beginning January 11

Monday	HL Day A	8:28am-3:05 pm
Tuesday	HL Day B	8:28am-3:05 pm
Wednesday	DL Instruction DL Staff Planning	8:28am-12:00 pm 12:35pm-3:05pm
Thursday	HL Day A	8:28am-3:05 pm
Friday	HL Day B	8:28am-3:05 pm

Schedule Summary

- HL Student Instruction 8:28 am - 3:05 pm M/T/TH/F
- DL Student Instruction 8:28 am - 12:00 pm W
- DL Staff Planning 12:35 pm - 3:05 pm W

Elementary School - January 18 move to *In-person Learning*

Distance Learning (DL) January 4 - 8

January 4 - 8 DL Schedule 8:30 am - 3:05 pm

Transition Planning / DL / HL January 11 - 15

January 11 & 12 No school for students -- Required Teacher Planning Days
January 13 DL Wednesday Schedule (8:30 - 12:00 pm DL instruction for all students)
January 14 Hybrid Day A (Bridges/Kindergarten - Grade 5)
January 15 Hybrid Day B (Bridges/Kindergarten - Grade 5)

In-Person Two-Week Rolling Start January 18 - 29

January 18 - 22 Week #1 of 2-Week *In-Person* Rolling Start
* Bridges/Kindergarten - Grade 2 attend in "in-person" learning
* Grades 3 - 5 attend in "hybrid" learning
* Wednesday, January 20 is DL instruction in morning and planning in afternoon
January 25 No School for Students - Teacher Planning Day (End of Quarter 2)
January 26 - 29 Week #2 of 2-Week *In-Person* Rolling Start
* Bridges/Kindergarten - Grade 2 attend in "in-person" learning
* Grades 3 - 5 attend in "hybrid" learning
* Wednesday, January 27 is DL instruction in morning and planning in afternoon
February 1 *In-Person Learning* for Bridges/Kindergarten - Grade 5 M/T/Th/F
* Wednesday is DL instruction in morning and planning in afternoon

Elementary 2-week "Rolling Start" Schedule -- January 18 - 29

	<u>Bridges/K - Grade 2 <i>In-Person</i></u>	<u>Grades 3 - 5 <i>Hybrid</i></u>
Monday, Jan 18	8:30 am - 3:05 pm	Day A 8:30 am - 3:05 pm
Tuesday, Jan 19	8:30 am - 3:05 pm	Day B 8:30 am - 3:05 pm
Wednesday, Jan 20	DL Inst 8:30 am - 12:00 pm DL Planning 12:35 pm-3:05 pm	DL Inst for 3-5 8:30 am - 12:00 pm DL Planning 12:35 pm - 3:05 pm
Thursday, Jan 21	8:30 am - 3:05 pm	Day A 8:30 am - 3:05 pm
Friday, Jan 22	8:30 am - 3:05 pm	Day B 8:30 am - 3:05 pm
Monday, Jan 25	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS -- TEACHER PLANNING DAY	
Tuesday, Jan 26	8:30 am - 3:05 pm	Day B 8:30 am - 3:05 pm
Wednesday, Jan 27	DL Inst 8:30 am - 12:00 pm DL Planning 12:35 pm-3:05 pm	DL Inst for 3-5 8:30 am - 12:00 pm DL Planning 12:35 pm - 3:05 pm
Thursday, Jan 28	8:30 am-3:05 pm	Day A 8:30 am - 3:05 pm
Friday, Jan 29	8:30 am-3:05 pm	Day B 8:30 am - 3:05 pm

In-Person Learning for All Elementary Grades Beginning February 1

Monday	8:30 am-3:05 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am-3:05 pm
Wednesday	DL Inst 8:30 am - 12:00 pm DL Planning 12:35 pm - 3:05 pm
Thursday	8:30 am-3:05 pm
Friday	8:30 am-3:05 pm

Schedule Summary

- In-person Learning 8:30am - 3:05pm M/T/TH/F
- DL student instruction 8:30 am - 12:00 pm W
- DL Staff Planning 12:35pm - 3:05 pm W