



February 23, 2021

Survey Results and Future Plans

Dear WTPS Staff and Families,

My thanks to the nearly 4,500 families who responded to our Instructional Preference Survey this past week. The results of that survey indicated that the District would see a net gain of **105** students returning for in-person instruction in the hybrid, 3-day per week model. This model will begin on Monday, March 1st. Additionally, the survey indicated a net gain of **338** students returning for an in-person, 5-day per week model. This is encouraging news.

Starting on Monday, March 1, 2021, the District will begin the first step in our “road back.” Hybrid learning will be expanded to the 3-day per week model. The Cohort Calendar has been updated and can be viewed [here](#).

New Hybrid Model, Starting Monday, March 1, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	<i>Cohort A</i>	<i>Cohort A</i>	<i>Cohort A</i>	<i>Cohort B</i>	<i>Cohort B</i>
2	<i>Cohort A</i>	<i>Cohort A</i>	<i>Cohort B</i>	<i>Cohort B</i>	<i>Cohort B</i>

- *Arrival and dismissal times will remain the same at all levels in this model.*

The Road Ahead

Yesterday, we met with our Road Back Health and Safety Committee as well as our Curriculum/Instruction/Scheduling Committee. Both committees, that include parents, medical experts, teachers, support staff, administrators, Board of Education members, and union leadership are fully committed to expanding our model to 5 days per week for all in-person learners.

Currently, we are in the “yellow zone” as we see COVID-19 numbers decline across our state and region. Vaccinations are accelerating at the same time. This is great news, and it allows us to move towards a return to 5 days of in-person instruction for Cohorts A, B, and C.

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This will take time and resources. We are already ordering additional PPE, face shields, and desk barriers that will allow for this expansion. The need for additional staff is being explored to ensure our ability to appropriately service both in-person and remote learners.

We are working to move these initiatives along as quickly as we can. We will continually update our community on our progress and timeline as some of these logistical issues become clear. We are targeting the Monday after Spring break, April 12th, as a *tentative* date for the beginning of in-person instruction for 5 days per week.

More detailed surveys will be forthcoming so that we may gather additional, vital information. Your continued cooperation is critical as we take these steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph N. Bollendorf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph N. Bollendorf
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