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Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to seeing our students back in our schools this Monday, December 14, for a continuation of hybrid instruction. As a reminder, here is our schedule for next week:

**All K-12 low incidence Special Education students return to five days per week in-person.**

**All K-12 Special Education and English Learner students return to four days per week in-person.**

**Monday, December 14, and Tuesday, December 15** – Cohort A students return to school in-person. Cohort B students remain in remote learning.

**Wednesday, December 16** - All students on a remote learning day with the exception of the five-day per week Special Education students.

**Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18** – Cohort B students return to school in-person. Cohort A students remain in remote learning.

**Monday, December 21** - Cohort A students attend in-person. Cohort B students in remote learning. Four and five day students attend in person.

**Tuesday, December 22** – Cohort B students attend in-person. Cohort A students in remote learning. Four and five-day students attend in-person.

**Wednesday, December 23** – Half day in-person for the five-day Special Education students. Remote learning half day for all other students.

If your child has been attending in person and you would like your child to remain remote, simply contact the school principal.

The governor announced [new guidelines](#) today that have some impact on our schools:

- All after school sports and activities are canceled until January 4. This includes all athletic contests, competitions, scrimmages, and practices.
- All extra-curricular activities are temporarily suspended for in-person performances, rehearsals and meetings, but may be held virtually.

In addition, the state has reinforced that everyone must wear a mask when indoors, irrespective of physical distance, unless there is a medical reason prohibiting this. Face shields will only be permitted due to medical reasons or part of a child's Individual Education Program. Mask breaks are still permitted as long as six feet of social distancing is achieved.

Please continue to use the daily [COVID-19 checklist](#) and monitor your child's health each day before sending them to school.

As previously mentioned, there is a statewide and nationwide shortage of substitute teachers, exacerbated by the pandemic. As we follow state and national quarantine guidelines, staffing shortages are one of the biggest barriers to continuing to operate in person. We are hoping to find parents/other community members interested in substituting for our schools. Emergency certification is relatively quick and simple. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

As we look ahead to the winter break, we are currently planning for students to continue our hybrid model when classes resume on Monday, January 4. We will provide updates on the impact of any new developments, guidance or direction as we move closer to that dates..

More than anything, we look forward to having all of our students back in-person in our schools, and a return to normalcy.

If you have questions or concerns about our pandemic plan, here's a [contact list](#) of administrators.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent