

July 10, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

District 100 continues to develop three options for transition planning for August so we are prepared for full remote, hybrid, and in-person learning. Committees have been working for several weeks on strengthening our remote programs in the event we need to be fully remote at any time next school year. We are also planning for in-person learning based on requirements for all K-12 districts, including required face coverings, symptom screenings/temperature checks, increased schoolwide cleaning and disinfection, social distancing as much as possible, and groups of 50 or less in one space.

We recognize that in-person learning best meets the academic and social emotional needs of our students, and any amount of time we can provide for students to be in school is essential to their development. We also take seriously our responsibility to ensure we provide safe and healthy environments for our students and staff. The parent survey provided some important information on how our families are feeling and we appreciate the 1000+ families that participated. The results showed approximately 25% prefer a full remote learning option and approximately 65% feel comfortable or somewhat comfortable with a hybrid model. Ten percent of families participating in the survey felt comfortable with full in-person learning.

District 100’s transition plan is still being developed, but based on ISBE and IDPH guidelines, and feedback from families and staff, the following are some of the necessary components identified for full or partial in-person learning:

* Staggered start and end times to limit number of students entering buildings at once
* Use of all available entrances to separate grade levels or student cohorts upon entering and leaving the buildings
* Shortened school hours to limit the amount of time students are in masks
* Students remain in one classroom to the greatest extent possible
* Breakfast and lunch using grab-and-go options
* Possible hybrid model with students attending on alternating days
* Temperature checks and/or self-certification procedures
* Alternate plans for students and staff with health concerns

We will continue to work with our planning groups over the next two weeks to solidify District 100’s transition plan. Our goal is to communicate the plan with families by Friday, July 24.

**In order for District 100 to enroll students in classes and make the best plans for all students, we need every student to be registered. If you have not started the registration process, please visit our**[**website**](https://www.bsd100.org/registration)**to register your child today.**

Thank you. Your feedback, support, and patience are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

 

Mary Havis

Superintendent