

July 10, 2020

Dear Gavin D37 Families and Staff,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. After the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools (Click [HERE](#) to view it) on the 2020-21 school year, Gavin D37 has continued to plan for school's reopening in Fall 2020.

During the parent survey from the first week in July, we shared the three models we were considering for Fall 2020 as part of our work collaboratively with the D124 consortium schools. Gavin D37 had 189 families respond with the following results:

- 40% of our families preferred the Hybrid model. Hybrid (blended) opening with alternating in-person and enhanced remote learning instruction. Students split into two groups with each group participating in two days of in-person instruction and two days of enhanced remote learning. This would split our student body in half and allow for social distancing and extensive cleaning between groups (still following IDPH/ISBE guidelines with self-health assessment, temperature checks, masks, and social distancing when and if possible),
- 37% of our families preferred the Normal In-person model. Normal full in-person opening with adaptations (self-health assessment, temperature checks, masks, and social distancing when and if possible).
- 23% of our families preferred the Full Enhanced Remote Learning model. Full enhanced remote learning (more time each day than Spring 2020, access to all courses).

Based upon this feedback, our districts will be putting forth our plan to our families next week. In addition, our Summer School program runs from August 3-21 and will host 98 students. Several students will be meeting with teachers through Zoom sessions while a small group of students will be participating in-person at Central School. The in-person sessions will provide information about the effectiveness of the safety measures, self-certification practices, etc. as detailed in the ISBE guidance document linked above.

We will continue to provide updates on a routine basis. We miss our students and families and hope all of you continue to be well and safe.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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