

Dear Gavin Families,

As promised, this email serves as an update on our planning efforts for the 20-21 school year. We appreciate the patience you have provided as we determined how best to manage the many procedures and protocols that have been unfamiliar to those of us in education prior to March 2020. As those protocols have changed, we have adjusted our return to school plan.

Yesterday, we shared several updates involving steps to increase the number of students returning to schools beginning October 19, if the data in our metrics hold. As mentioned in my previous weekly parent newsletter, we have experienced success in welcoming back small groups of students in the Structured Learning, Educational Life Skills, Hearing Impaired, and Pre-Kindergarten programs. We are excited to begin the process of bringing more students back to school for in-person learning in our hybrid model.

We have carefully developed a plan that adheres, to the greatest extent possible, to the safety protocols prescribed by the State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). If the data holds, our first phase will be to bring in Kindergarten and 5th grade students on Monday, October 19. The second phase will be to bring back students in grades 1 through 4 and 6 through 8 on Monday, October 26.

The September 30 presentation is included for you to review the hybrid AM/PM plan.

[Return to School Hybrid Model Discussion for Parents 9.30.20.pdf](#)

As such, we are asking families to look over the presentation and complete this brief form <https://forms.gle/DNeNdqrwr3H47jq29> to notify us if your student(s) will be returning to campus and if District transportation is required. This form is due by 5:00 P.M. on October 6th. For families who do not complete the survey, students will continue with full remote learning at home.

It may become necessary to return to entirely remote learning if conditions require it. Conditions that could require a shift back to fully remote learning include a state-wide mandate, high community positivity rates, a local outbreak combined with the directive of LCHD to close, personnel shortages, or other conditions that make in-person learning unsafe or impractical.

A Q and A update is being completed based upon the questions received during the September 30 Zoom sessions, and this will be shared with families shortly. We will offer another Zoom session to explain highlights of the plan on Monday, October 5 at 7:30 P.M. via Zoom.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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We look forward to learning of your decision through the form linked above. As always, please feel free to reach out to me, Ms. Coats, or Mr. Jurgaitis with any questions.

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