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September 18, 2020

Dear Sto-Rox School Community,

We would like to thank you for your hard work and your patience during the first few weeks of virtual instruction. In this short time we have experienced a lot of success. We provided computers to all families who needed one, visited homes to help families get set up, and trained our teachers on Google Classroom. Most importantly, our teachers continued to deliver a high quality virtual education using a variety of instructional tools. We are Sto-Rox Proud!

Now we are planning for the next phase - returning to school on a hybrid schedule. The district recognizes that most of our students will perform their best in classrooms with teachers, and we are committed to doing this safely. However, we also recognize that some families will not feel comfortable with their students coming into the building. For this reason, we will have two options for families: 1) a completely online, Virtual Viking option and 2) a hybrid option with in-person and virtual instruction. **This letter details our plan for a hybrid return.**

Primary Center

- On **October 7th Kindergarten** students and students in the **Life Skills** program will return for half days of instruction. The focus will be on reading and math instruction. Students with last name (A-M) will return to school from 8:30 to 11:00 for reading and math instruction. Students with last name (N-Z) will return to school from 1:15 to 3:45.
- On October 12th, 1st grade will start with the same hybrid schedule described above, joining Kindergarten and Life Skills
- On October 19th, Second Grade will return and be in school along with Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and Life Skills.
- On October 26th, Third grade will join the other grades so that all students will now be in the building on a hybrid schedule.

Upper Elementary

- On **October 7th Fourth grade** students and students in the **life skills** program will return for half days of instruction. The focus will be on reading and math instruction. Students with last name (A- M) will return to school from 7:45 to 10:15 for reading and math instruction. Students with last name (N-Z) will return to school from 12:00 to 2:30.
- On October 12th, sixth grade will start with the same hybrid schedule described above, joining fourth.
- On October 19th, fifth grade will join Kindergarten and 1st grade following the same hybrid schedule described above.

On Monday, September 21st, teachers will begin collecting data on preference for Virtual Viking or the hybrid schedule option. Please make sure to complete the survey in your child's Google Classroom or contact your child's teacher. We will continue to send additional information and updates regarding the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Please mark the following events on your calendar for detailed information:

Town Hall Information Session

- When: Monday September 21st and Monday September 28th at 6:30
- Where: Sto-Rox Upper Elementary School Library
- Who: All Sto-Rox Community Members
- How: First 20 in person or via zoom link below
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74489461764?pwd=ZXd1WGh5QTRTRzlHOUnBZHhHeVJmdz09>

We are excited to start seeing our students in person! In the meantime, please continue working hard and communicating with teachers to make virtual school work for us. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all continue to navigate these challenging times. If you have any scheduling concerns, please contact the building principal at 412-771-3213 at the following extensions: Mr. William Schleicher - Ext. 3000 (Primary), Ms. Heather Johnston - Ext. 2000 (Upper).

Best,

Sto-Rox School District