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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On January 21, 2021, a District wide webinar was held to share the plans for returning to in-person school in February. Feedback provided both during and after the webinar led to discussions as to how to improve the educational experience of our students while balancing the health and safety of our school community. The common theme that emerged from the follow-up meetings is that most of our students perform better when they attend synchronous in-person classes. Keeping students at the center of the discussion, the timeline below outlines **how** and **when** students will return to classes in the coming weeks.

## **Week of Monday, February 1-Friday, February 5**

Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 students will return to in-person learning four (4) days a week. Fully online students will engage in asynchronous instruction this week so that teachers may participate in professional development. Wednesday will remain an online learning day for students. Students will remain on the shortened day schedule with school beginning at 8:15am and dismissal occurring by 1:35pm. The online only option will still be available for students in grades K-2.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 **will remain online** and will follow the January online schedule. Students must login by 8:15am to be marked as present.

Grades 6-12 **will remain online** and will follow the January online schedule.

Students enrolled at Steel Center will attend Steel Center in-person four (4) days a week.

Students receiving English as a Second Language (ESL) and special education services will continue to follow their grade level schedule. There will not be additional support offered on Wednesday of this week due to teacher professional development training.

During this week, professional staff will be engaging in professional development opportunities related to synchronous learning.

## **Week of Monday, February 8-Friday, February 12 and Beyond**

Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students continue to attend in person four (4) days a week. Online only students will receive their lessons asynchronously but will be supported with class meetings and other small group opportunities. Wednesday remains an online day for students. The school day will begin at 8:15am and students will be dismissed by 1:35pm.

Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5 will return to in-person learning four (4) days a week. Online only is still an option for families. Students who chose to remain online must log-in at 8:15am. Students may request to remain asynchronous due to extenuating circumstances. Requests must be submitted in writing to the building principals and requests should state the reason for remaining asynchronous.

Grades 6-12 will return in person with A-L students attending on Monday and Thursday and M-Z students attending on Tuesday and Friday. Online only is still an option for families. The school day will begin at 9:00am and students will be dismissed at 2:15pm. Wednesday will remain an online day for all students.

When students are not physically present in the buildings the expectation is for students to engage in synchronous instruction. Students will follow their daily schedule on these days. The only exception to this is on Wednesdays when students will continue to engage in asynchronous learning.

Fully online learning is still an option for families. Students who chose to remain online will be expected to follow their daily schedule. Students may request to remain asynchronous due to extenuating circumstances. Requests must be submitted in writing to the building principals and requests should state the reason for remaining asynchronous.

Students in grades K-12 receiving learning support or life skills services will return four (4) days a week.

We will continue to receive updates about positive case totals and availability of the vaccine. Rest assured that we will continue to provide updated communication as it becomes available. We appreciate the involvement of our community and appreciate the feedback provided. Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,



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