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Dear Parents and Students:

With school starting in three weeks, here is [link to a calendar](#) for how the school year will begin on August 13. I am pleased to be able to offer this schedule for our students as two-thirds of both our parent and student survey respondents requested in-person instruction. The schedule below relies upon the health of our region and schools to remain at a level where the Illinois State Board of Education (I.S.B.E.) and Illinois Department of Public Health (I.D.P.H.) allows in-person instruction.

*Thursday, August 13 – All students will be connecting from home to the classroom*

*Friday, August 14 – All students will be connecting from home to the classroom*

*Monday, August 17 – Hybrid Scenario begins with 50% of the students in-person for the week and the other 50% of students connecting to the classroom from home*

A summary of the bell schedules can be found [here](#). The bell schedule for in-person or remotely connecting to the classroom is identical. *(Remember, parents have the daily option to have their child connect to the classroom from home rather than go to school every other week.)* There is no sign-up needed for this and the parent choice for keeping their child home can occur each week. Students with individualized education plans, 504s, and English learners are invited to attend in-person every day beginning August 17 with additional information forthcoming.

In the [July 17 communication](#), the following I.S.B.E and I.D.P.H. safety protocols were stated and remain in place. Students and staff attending school are expected to commit to following these protocols: (1) require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks as face coverings; (2) prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space; (3) require social distancing be observed, as much as possible; (4) require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and (5) require an increase in school-wide cleaning and disinfection.

If you have specific concerns regarding these protocols for in-person instruction, please contact the principal's office at your school.

You will continue to receive communications next week with additional details and reminders regarding the start of the school year, including which alternating weeks

a student is invited for in-person attendance. Should District 211 no longer be able to offer a Hybrid Scenario because of the health within our region or schools, the 100% Remote Scenario will begin. The bell schedule and time commitment are identical for students in both the Hybrid Scenario and Remote Scenario.

To review all information previously sent regarding the start of the school year and to see the Frequently Asked Questions document, please visit the [Back to School August 2020](#) webpage.

Although things will be different than what we are accustomed to for the start of school, our teachers, staff, and administrators are committed to making this school year a successful one for all. See you in three weeks!

Lisa Small  
Superintendent

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