



January 13, 2021

Antioch CCSD 34 Families,

Last night, the Antioch CCSD 34 Board of Education, in a 6-1 vote, approved the Antioch CCSD 34 Hybrid Learning Plan. Consistent with the communications since December 14, 2020, **the in-person learning and scheduling components of this plan will begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. We will use a Remote Learning Planning Day this Friday, January 15, AND next Friday, January 22.** These days will be used to make final preparations for in-person learning this Friday and take what we learn from the first three days of this model and have a chance to make any adjustments next Friday.

Many of our staff members returned to our buildings today and we are eager to welcome our hybrid students back into our classrooms on Tuesday. Through this model, we commit to serving both the students in-person and those remote, each day. Our goal is to ensure that all students are engaged participants and active learners. This will be a new twist on what we have been doing, but in time we will become versed in making the most of this opportunity.

Here are a couple of very important informational items:

- [Antioch CCSD 34 Hybrid Learning Plan Logistics and Operations Guidebook](#)
- [Special Meeting of the Board of Education Hybrid Plan Presentation – January 12, 2021](#)
- Buildings are finalizing and will share detailed arrival and dismissal procedures by the end of the week.
- A video is being created and will be shared with staff and families to offer a glimpse into some of our mitigation procedures for students.
- Students will need to arrive daily with a self-certification slip - to be provided and as explained on page 7 of the Guidebook.
- Transportation routes will be finalized and communicated with families by the end of the week.
- Food Service is actively sending lunch information and forms today.
- Details regarding the upcoming material distribution will be forthcoming from the buildings. There will be a pickup option for the families of remote students, while students attending in-person will be given their materials to take home.
- Once we launch the hybrid model, if we need to revert back to fully remote learning, the schedules being implemented on January 19 will stay the same.

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There is a lot of information in the links above and I am sure many questions regarding the specifics and implementation of our plan. Please contact your building administrator(s) with concerns, needs, and/or inquiries.

It is important for me to state that I understand there are mixed feelings about and emotions around this hybrid plan. The navigation of this pandemic has been extremely complex and challenging for everyone. The creation of a plan that is best and right for us has been and continues to be the goal. The perfect plan is elusive and, I would argue, non-existent. Additionally, the timing regarding the implementation of any plan is a source of differing opinions.

For those that served on the task force, offered opinions in a variety of forums, wrote emails, submitted letters, and/or spoke at the Board meetings, know that your participation, perspective, experience, and input have been invaluable. Even if the decision or plan does not seem completely congruent with your input or feelings, please know the importance of your voice as part of this process and journey.

Moving forward, we commit to monitoring many data points, the implementation of our mitigations, the feedback of our stakeholders, the recommendations of our local health experts, and the guidance of our thought partners in working to adjust our plan, as needed, and make the best and right decisions with respect to the learning model we implement. Student and staff safety and wellness remain top-of-mind and that responsibility does not fall lightly on me. I care for and about our entire learning community, deeply.

As we take this next step, please know how proud of and grateful for you I am. The coming days will be challenging, as have those that led us here. They will present us with new opportunities as well. We thank you for your partnership.

With hope, gratitude, and grace,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent