



December 18, 2020

Dear Antioch CCSD 34 Families,

As we approach Winter Break, District 34 would like to acknowledge the work that has taken place by our entire school community to make our remote learning program as successful as possible. We realize that the COVID19 pandemic has placed great hardship on many of our families, and the added pressure of students learning from home has only exacerbated the impact of the pandemic. Your partnership, sacrifices, and efforts have not gone unnoticed and we are deeply grateful for and appreciative of this community.

As announced earlier this week, we continue to work toward bringing our students and staff back into our schools for in-person instruction. As of right now, our goal is to begin the implementation of our Hybrid Learning Plan on January 19, 2021. Unfortunately, due to current mitigation measures and guidance implementation, we are not able to welcome all of our students back at one time. We will be utilizing an A/B Hybrid Model of instruction, and while the specifics will be slightly different for ELC, Elementary, and AUGS, the model is best defined by the characteristics listed below:

- Students in Group A will attend school in-person on Monday and Tuesday in the morning, up until lunch; attending virtually all day on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Students in Group B will attend school in-person on Thursday and Friday in the morning, up until lunch; attending virtually all day on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- All students would be remote on Wednesdays, allowing for additional cleaning and disinfecting.
- On the days of in-person instruction, students that are remote (attending virtually) will join the class with students that are in person.
- A fully remote option (attending virtually every day) remains available to all families.

Additional information about the Hybrid Plan can be found in our [D34 Hybrid Learning Mini-Guidebook](#). Sample schedules are included in the guidebook. A more comprehensive Hybrid Learning Guidebook, along with detailed schedules, will be released in early January.

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In order for each school to place students in groups, create bus routes, and finalize the logistics at each of our school sites, we ask that by DECEMBER 27th you complete our [Selection of Educational Programming Survey](#) (Click on Link).

Please submit one response for each child attending a D34 school.

If you do not complete the survey, your child/ren will be placed in our Hybrid Learning Program (with the in-person option). Due to scheduling constraints, your selection of an educational program will need to remain the same through Spring Break.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate late requests to opt for the in-person/hybrid option.

The information gathered through this survey will help our transportation department create new routes, and our building administrators create student groups. As we work to prepare our student groups, we will continue to work towards our students keeping the same teachers to the extent possible, and ensure we are able to follow mitigation requirements. Families will be informed of specific assignment information the first week of January (teacher, schedule, A or B group, etc.). It is important to note that all dates are subject to change based on the conditions at that time.

District 34 places the utmost importance on the safety of our staff and students and will continue to make decisions with this in the forefront of our minds. We are hopeful, optimistic, and excited about the prospect of welcoming back our students on January 19, however we know that this pandemic has a mind of its own. We will continue to be as transparent as possible with our decision making and provide updates as warranted.

Thank you again for your dedication and work with your children. We hope the entire Antioch CCSD 34 community has a restful and well deserved Winter Break! Please remember to continue to practice the 3Ws (wash hands, wear a mask, watch your distance) this holiday season. Together, this community will continue to shine in the face of adversity.

Sincerely,

Antioch CCSD 34 Administration