



ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

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Dr. Bradford Hubbard, Superintendent

January 6, 2021

Antioch CCSD 34 Families,

We hope this communication finds you and your family well. We wanted to share some important updates with you regarding our return to in-person learning planning. Additional, specific details (hybrid groupings, sample schedules, bus routes, etc.) about our plan will be shared as soon as possible. Our final Hybrid Plan and Guidebook will be presented at a Special Meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. We want to thank you all for your continued support, feedback, patience, trust, and partnership as we navigate the complex and challenging situation presented by the pandemic. In the end, we are very eager to welcome students and staff back into our buildings!

We are on track for a January 19 launch of our Hybrid Learning Plan. We have continued to monitor health metrics and have been working to ensure we are prepared to implement the necessary and recommended risk mitigation measures within the district. Since the peak [Lake County incidence rate](#) in mid-November, the county has seen a decrease in this important metric by nearly two-thirds. Similarly, [COVID-19-like hospital admissions in Lake County](#) (reported on a 7-day rolling average) have decreased by half since the Fall peak on November 16. In addition, [Region 9](#) has seen a decline in the positivity rate reported by the Illinois Department of Public Health back under the current 12% threshold and this continues to be a key metric we are closely monitoring.

With our commitment to the CDC's **"5 Key Mitigation Strategies"** - **consistent and correct use of masks, social distancing to the largest extent possible, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, and contact tracing in collaboration with the local health department** - we are actively doing our part to decrease the risk of transmission in our schools, taking into account guidelines, guidance, and recommendations from a variety of key organizations (Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Public Health, Lake County Health Department, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

In response to the family learning model selection survey, we are actively and quickly building and balancing class rosters and composing bus routes. The results of the surveys indicated that roughly 70% of students would be opting for our hybrid option, while about 30% would remain in the remote learning setting. As soon as rosters and schedules are completed, they will be shared with both staff and families. **We know which group (A/B) a student is placed in is top-of-mind for family planning purposes and we will turn that information around as quickly as possible - no later than the end of this week. That communication will include sample student schedules, as well. Bus route information will follow.**

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Oakland Elementary School

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The district is working with Champions to provide access to a space in the district in order to be able to run their program out of one of our buildings. Champions will be sharing information this week, including a variety of options for families, cost, and registration processes. The district will provide shuttle transportation from its other schools to the Champions location for the students that are in-person in the morning and need supervision support in the afternoon. Drop off for students on their non-in-person attendance days and pick-up on all days from Champions will be the responsibility of the family.

To ensure our classrooms and buildings are fully prepared for the start of the Hybrid Plan on January 19, **we will be using our fourth (of five) Remote Learning Planning Days, granted by the Illinois State Board of Education, on Friday, January 15.** On this day, there will be no live or synchronous learning and no new student work will be assigned. Students will have the option of working on existing assignments, as staff will be preparing for January 19.

If we continue to track for a January 19 start to the Hybrid Plan, we will *potentially* use our final Remote Learning Planning Day on Friday, January 22. This will give each hybrid group one day on campus that first week and allow for staff to make any adjustments or tweaks to their setup, instruction, classroom/technology configuration, etc. We will have professional development and support available on this day, as well. A final announcement related to January 22 will be made on January 13.

Finally, as the vaccine continues to rollout across the country, we are working to provide our staff with an opportunity to be vaccinated as soon as possible. Everyone in the education sector has been classified as part of the essential workforce and will have access to the vaccine in phase 1b of vaccine rollout, as part of the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) recommendations](#). We are actively working with a group of local school districts and the Lake County Health Department to ensure the availability of the vaccine to our Antioch CCSD 34 staff. **All stakeholders are encouraged to register in the [AllVax Portal](#) and all essential workforce individuals should be sure to identify as an “Essential Frontline Worker.”** You can also register over the phone by calling the Lake County Health Department at (847) 377-8130.

We know this continues to be a difficult time for many. As a district, we are doing our best to be transparent, reduce risk, plan for our hybrid model, and ultimately get our students and staff back in our buildings and classrooms. **This has and will take the work, patience, time, support, and grace of us all. We are grateful for you and your part in this.**

If you have any questions, please contact your building administrator. As stated, additional information will be released in the coming days and our final Hybrid Plan and Guidebook will be presented at the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on

Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. The final guidebook will be shared with all families and staff at the conclusion of the Special Meeting. We know information is imperative for planning and will share as we are able, without delay.

Stay well and Happy New Year,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent