



ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

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Dr. Bradford Hubbard, Superintendent

Antioch CCSD 34 Families,

I hope that you and your family are well, healthy, and safe.

At last night's Antioch CCSD 34 Special Meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved a proposal that recommended beginning the 2020-21 school year remotely and included a Remote Learning 2.0 Plan. Subsequent to our presentation of the recommendation and the vote, I am writing to share a variety of resources, updates, and information. There is a lot here, but please know that our team, both in the buildings and in the District Office, are prepared to answer your questions and help ensure we are meeting needs.

As I stated last night, this is the single most difficult and complex decision I have ever professionally made. As a proud father of a 4th and 5th grader, a husband of a kindergarten teacher, an educator, a leader, and an individual, I have looked at this situation through countless lenses and truly attempted to make the best and right choice for our district. The weight of this responsibility has not been lost on me; nor has the impact of these decisions on all of you.

Know that at every turn, I have tried to ground myself and our team by humanizing the situation we are navigating. For every parent or guardian that has reached out, I have read every single word of their communications. After doing so, I have made it a point to go into Power School and pull up their child(ren). I look at their picture, take note of their birthdate, and afford myself the opportunity to deeply consider exactly who it is we are making decisions on behalf of and who those decisions impact. Likewise, I have read and reread every word written and/or shared by staff members, community members, Board Members, and our administrative team. I have genuinely tried to listen and hear.

Being relatively new to this district and role, your trust is so important to me. It is necessary for me to earn and keep it. To do that, I am making every attempt to listen, hear, consider, be transparent, communicate, and do what I believe is right. In the end, know that every decision is made through the lens of what we believe is best for all students; starting with their health, safety, and wellness, and then considering their social, emotional, mental health, academic, and individual needs.

While I know that a remote start to the year is not ideal for many people, with the assistance and support of the Board of Education, both of our associations, our entire staff, all of our administrators, and the feedback from families based on the Remote Learning from the Spring, we have developed, presented, and approved a plan that is focused on ensuring a quality educational experience for our students. We are focused on and committed to establishing strong relationships, a sense of belonging, and authentic connectedness, while identifying and meeting the social emotional, academic, and growth needs and goals of our students. With the support of professional development and each other, our incredible staff is committed to making this Remote Learning 2.0 experience successful.

As a team, we will continue to evaluate a variety of metrics and logistical considerations in making an eventual decision to begin to phase in any in-person services and/or learning. Any transitions from our current Remote Learning 2.0 Plan will be made and communicated with at least two weeks' notice. Detailed plans and expectations regarding any in-person opportunities will be shared, as well.

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Oakland Elementary School

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W.C. Petty Elementary School

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Antioch Upper Grade School

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Here are a number of updates, links, and additional information...if you have any questions, please reach out to a building or district administrator:

Remote Learning 2.0:

- [Here](#) is a recording of last night's presentation to the Board of Education on the recommendation to open remotely and on the Remote Learning 2.0 Plan.
- [Here](#) is a link to the slides used in last night's presentation to the Board of Education.
- Again, [here](#) is a link to the Antioch CCSD 34 Remote Learning 2.0 Plan.
- [Here](#) is information regarding the Remote Learning Student Supervision Center. Information on the centers can also be found on p. 14-15 of the Remote Learning 2.0 Plan
 - To apply for a seat in the Remote Learning Student Supervision Center(s), please fill out this [Google Form](#) by THIS FRIDAY, August 7 at 12:00 p.m.
- [Here](#) is information regarding our Food Service plan during Remote Learning 2.0.
- Please know that we have documented all questions that have been asked regarding our plan. Our hope was to address as many of them as possible in the plan itself, but we will be working in the coming days to prepare an FAQ document that we will publish and update regularly with responses to a variety of inquiries.
- Please note that the district has placed a "Remote Learning 2.0" tab at the top of the district's and each school's webpage. All documents, including the plan and FAQ, will be housed here for easy access.

Other Items:

- Additional information will be coming from your respective building regarding the material pickup planned for Tuesday, August 18.
- Teacher assignments will be viewable in PowerSchool, to families that have completed registration, by Tuesday, August 11.
- Annual Meet-and-Greets will be held virtually and are scheduled for August 18. Additional information will be coming from the individual schools. (ELC – 4:00-5:30pm; K-5 Buildings – 5:00-6:30pm; AUGS – 3:00-4:30pm)
- Regarding School Supplies
 - Schools will be communicating edited, essential item lists necessary for Remote Learning 2.0. These items will be taken from the traditional school supply lists.
 - Upon the announcement of a return to in-person learning, traditional school supply lists will be used and disseminated.
 - Please consider purchasing headphones/earbuds with a microphone for your student for Remote Learning 2.0.
 - While the Illinois State Board of Education has supplied each district with a mask for each student and staff member, as you are thinking about school supplies, please consider additional masks, as well, and if you are able.

I know this is an incredible amount of information and I am sure there are additional questions. Know that we are here to help...please reach out to a building or district administrator for anything. In the meantime, we commit to continue being transparent and communicative.

Again, please know that we are doing our best to ensure that this will be an amazing year, regardless of the challenges it presents. We are eager to welcome back our staff and our students. We have missed you all.

While part of our Antioch CCSD 34 family, please know and remember you are loved and
“You’ll Never Walk Alone.”

Respectfully and grateful,
Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent