



ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

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Dr. Bradford Hubbard, Superintendent

August 12, 2021

Dear Antioch CCSD 34 Staff, Students, Families, and Community Members,

On August 18, 2021, Antioch CCSD 34 will begin the 2021-22 school year, resuming full-time, full-day, in-person learning for all students. This will be the first time since March 12, 2020 that this will be our reality. As a District, we are incredibly excited to welcome our students and staff back. Our teams have spent the summer preparing our buildings and our staff have put in the time, energy, dedication, passion, and care to prepare for what will prove to be a truly great school year.

Throughout the pandemic, we have been amazed by the flexibility, resilience, and determination of our students, staff, families, and community. We understand and recognize this has been hard on everyone and we are grateful for your partnership and grace. Last year, we navigated many changes, a lot of unknowns, difficult decisions, and relentless uncertainty. At every turn, we worked to keep safety, health, wellness, relationships, and learning at the forefront. Together, we made it through an extremely challenging year. We deeply value each of you and the roles you played in supporting learning, regardless of conditions or model.

As the summer comes to an end, we stand prepared, committed, honored, and humbled to be kicking off another year of growth, learning, teamwork, support, and achievement. We are focused on providing an environment where students genuinely feel cared for, heard, and a sense of belonging. With students and staff coming back, we plan on celebrating our connections, honoring our traditions, and creating engaging opportunities for academic and social emotional growth.

With next Wednesday approaching, we encourage everyone to review the [Antioch CCSD 34 Return to In-Person Learning Plan](#) that was presented to and approved by the Board of Education on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The plan details the mitigation measures that will be in place to start the year, as we collectively strive to provide sustained in-person learning for all students with as few disruptions to our model as possible. Per the Governor's [Executive Order 2021-18](#), universal masking for all students and staff will be required, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors. We will work with our staff to ensure mask breaks and encourage outdoor learning as much as possible.

Our plan will remain flexible and responsive as we monitor metrics, conditions, and guidance. We will be prepared to make changes, as necessary, and amend, adjust, and/or modify the layers of prevention and mitigation we have in place.

We deeply value and greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve these incredible communities, their wonderful schools, and our remarkable students and families. We are grateful for each and every one of you. Your contributions to our learning community and environment have a profound impact on what we do with, for, and on behalf of our students. Simply, thank you.

Yours in Education,
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Superintendent

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