

HOOVER-SCHRUM MEMORIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 157

October 2, 2020

Hoover-Schrum Family,

I understand that the past few months have been a challenging time for our entire community. As you may recall from my previous communications, we had initially been working toward an option in the form of a blended education with a choice of in-person and remote. Once it was evident that an in-person instructional model was not feasible due to current COVID-19 restrictions set forth by the IDPH, we moved to open with full remote learning for our students.

In that correspondence, we informed our community that we would revisit our options by October 16. At the September 24th board meeting, we recommended to the Board of Education that we continue to use the full remote learning model until January 4, 2021. It is our hope that we can return to our school buildings in at least some capacity at that time. However, we will re-evaluate the health situation and our program as we near that timeframe.

We feel it is in the best interest of the entire school community to continue with a remote learning instructional model at this time, which poses the least risk while teaching students in the most effective manner possible. While we very much wanted to be back with our students in person in October, we believe it is our responsibility as a school district to do our part in mitigating the spread of this virus. It is also the responsibility of administration to ensure the safety of students and staff on a daily basis.

As we make decisions regarding when to start, I will review the CDC and IDPH recommendations and requirements, communicate with our Board of Education and my fellow superintendents in surrounding school districts to ensure that our decisions are aligned with best practices.

If possible, we hope for a traditional start of the new year where we welcome our students back to our school buildings for some form of in-person instruction. If we cannot safely hold traditional school due to the spread of COVID-19 at that time, it may be necessary to continue remote learning once again. We are prepared to deploy multiple plans of action to ensure we are prepared either way. We miss our students and want to teach them face-to-face, but we will not compromise their health and safety to do so.

We are committed to continuing to provide services in the following areas:

- transporting students who need special services
- serving meals all students and families
- conducting small group gatherings for testing
- providing in-person support for struggling students
- supporting teaching and learning

Our goal is still to provide exceptional teaching and learning for all of our students, whatever form that may take. Thank you for your support as we continue making preparations for reopening ASAP.

Sincerely,



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