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Falcon Families,

Happy Friday! With the Board Meeting that took place this past Wednesday, I wanted to take a moment to share some information that Northview has been working on to ensure that when the time comes to open the doors to students, you have all of the information you need to make a sound decision for you and your students. Below you will find some important updates re: the eventual re-opening of schools as well as a couple of other items. Please note that you will still receive a copy of the Falcon Flyer this Sunday, but this will serve as my updates for next week.

Northview Re-Opening Safety Guidelines and Process

Northview has been hard at work in preparation for the eventual physical re-opening of schools (hybrid model). To help families make a sound decision as to whether they choose fully virtual instruction or the hybrid model, we have put together a 2 page [OVERVIEW DOCUMENT](#) that includes a variety of safety measures being taken by the school. The document previews items including passing periods, lockers, lunch, etc... please take a moment to review the document to ensure that you have an understanding of the measures that will be taken at the school to create a safe, distanced school environment.

Over the next couple of days, families will be receiving communication from the district regarding the metrics that the board has established for when we will shift from our all virtual learning model to having the option for hybrid learning. In this communication, parents will have until September 11 to make a determination as to whether they'd like to continue fully virtual instruction or transition to the hybrid model (once the metrics established have been met). An overview of the two options is provided below:

Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Half of Alphabet (A)	All Virtual	Group A In-person	Group A In-person	Group A Virtual	Group A Virtual
Last Half of Alphabet (B)	All Virtual	Group B Virtual	Group B Virtual	Group B In-person	Group B In-person
Virtual Academy	All Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual

In regards to what instruction will look like for these models, here are some key pieces of information for the Middle School Level:

1. After parents determine whether they want 100% virtual or hybrid in-person instruction, we will determine the alphabetical break to determine who is in group A versus who is in group B (keeping in mind we will attempt to keep blended families on the same schedule despite different last names).
2. Instruction for in-person students will be streamed through Zoom to all students who are virtual on any given day

3. Teachers will designate a handful of students each day who will help the teachers recognize that virtual students have something to share or a question.
4. In-person students and the virtual students in each class will be based on our current rosters, so the number of students in-person combined with the number of students who are taking part in the lesson virtually will be the same as a typical class.
5. It will be critical for virtual students to closely follow their schedule and sign in on time as the focus of teachers will be providing live instruction and they will not be able to be glued to the screen.
6. Live instruction may look like more of a blended model to provide a nice balance between those at home and those in-person.

Northview Information Webinar

While the information that we have at this point is provided in the 2 page Overview Document and items above, we realize that there may still be questions. We will be hosting a webinar on September 1 at 7:00pm to provide an overview of this information and answer follow up questions that you might have. The link to the webinar was sent out last week during staff updates, will be provided in the districts communication, and is provided here for your convenience: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86121949528>

Parent Square

Parents will receive an activation email for their ParentSquare account by September 4. Those who do not register will still receive text, email, and phone notifications. Parent Square will serve as the new communication platform for Washington Township Schools. Parents who do create an account can become more actively engaged in communication by appreciating posts, viewing photos, leaving comments, and managing their communication preferences.

SEL Parent Resources

Click here to see resources provided by the district's SEL coaches for our families: [SEL@Home - Week 3](#)

Again, the Falcon Flyer will be sent out with additional updates (Reminder about Labor Day Week Schedule, Athletic Results, etc...), but this will serve as my weekly update.

I hope everyone has a great weekend and remember that "Today, like every day, is a great day to be a Falcon!"

Respectfully,

Steven Pelych

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