

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last evening, the School Board of the Central Dauphin School District voted to implement the following schedule changes beginning January 19, 2021.

1. High school students will return to their hybrid schedules;
2. Middle school students will return to their hybrid schedules; and
3. Elementary school students will return to full-time in-person instruction.

This decision to bring students back into their classrooms was based on the totality of circumstances of COVID-19's impact on our area and our schools.

Those circumstances include the fact that the number of COVID-19 cases in Dauphin County has dropped from the spiking highs we saw last month.

The District has implemented extensive health and safety measures, as well as numerous mitigation efforts, such as the masking requirements and the mandated actions to be taken in response to identification of positive confirmed cases that are required by the Commonwealth.

Pursuant to these mitigation tools and as required by PDE, we have effectively reset our 14-day rolling totals of positive confirmed cases to zero in each of our school buildings. <https://video.ibm.com/channel/2qCZuereqg>

With the return to school, our COVID testing procedures will allow us to keep a close eye on how the virus is impacting each of our buildings. Our prior testing has shown that the virus has not spread widely amongst our elementary students, which should make it easier to implement their successful return to full in-person instruction.

Although we have made significant efforts to make a return to in-person instruction a safe option, we understand that not all families will be comfortable with their students returning to the classroom.

To accommodate those families, the District will still offer students the option to remain in virtual instruction with District curriculum via our CORE program.

Make no mistake, we are still in the midst of the pandemic and there will be bumps in the road.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 statistics published by the Commonwealth and the mandates from the Department of Health, as well as the District's COVID tracker. We will also continue to consult with the district physicians and DOH epidemiologists.

The health and safety of all students and staff remains our top priority. We will remain flexible and ready to quickly and efficiently address new circumstances as they arise. At this time, however, we are looking forward to bringing students back to their classrooms!

Your building principal will be in touch regarding the specifics of the return to school.

If you have any questions about that process, please feel free to reach out to your principals.

Take Care,

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