

## **Important Update from the CDSD Superintendent - August 3, 2020**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I write to let you know that the Central Dauphin School District has decided that it is necessary to implement a phased-in approach to our return to in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 academic year.

This evening, the School Board voted to approve updates to the District's Health and Safety Plan. A link to the current Plan is found below:

<https://www.cdschools.org/Page/23646>

The most significant update to the Plan is the use of a hybrid learning model when we begin the school year on August 24. The District's hybrid model is a rigorous education program that combines face-to-face instruction and online learning. Students will be split into two groups – Group A and Group B.

Group A will receive in-person instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays, and will participate in distance learning the other three weekdays.

Group B will receive in-person instruction on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will participate in distance learning the other three weekdays.

The distance learning component of the hybrid model may include a combination of live instruction, recorded/online content, and printed material assignments.

Group A begins in-person instruction on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and includes students with the last names A-K; Group B begins in-person instruction on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and includes students with the last names L-Z. We recognize that the hybrid model will bring new challenges for some families.

The District will work with families to make accommodations on group placement where appropriate - please contact your child's building principal.

More information regarding the hybrid learning model will be forthcoming. For additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal.

In addition to the hybrid learning model, the District is also offering a distance learning program – CORE – as well as the student-paced CAOLA program facilitated by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

The attached worksheet provides a summary comparison of each of the three options: HYBRID, CORE (notice differences among elementary, middle and high school), and CAOLA. A podcast is available at - <https://youtu.be/7yN7B895fR8>. Information about registering for CORE and CAOLA is available on the attached worksheet.

Further details about the hybrid model, CORE, and CAOLA, will be distributed soon. If you have any questions about those programs, please contact your building principal for more information.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every family for the cooperation you have shown as we navigate our return to school. It remains our District's goal to return to full-time in-person instruction, however, we must continue to be flexible and adapt to the needs of our students and our community during this global pandemic. Our Health and Safety Plan continues to be fluid as the response to the pandemic continues to develop.

I am very excited to get this school year underway. The District is working diligently to adhere to Pennsylvania Department of Education's evolving guidelines to create a safe learning environment in our schools and to provide our students with the quality education they deserve.

Take care,

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