Important Update from the Superintendent - July 27, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Central Dauphin School District is closely monitoring the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our state and in our community. The District’s goal continues to be to reopen the school buildings to ensure that our students have the opportunity for in-person learning.

With that goal in mind, it may become necessary for the District to implement a phased-in approach to our return to in-person instruction.

Based on the newly released guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the District is considering reopening our doors to in-person instruction using a hybrid learning model (K-12) on August 24, 2020.

The hybrid model being considered by the District combines face-to-face instruction with online learning. Under the hybrid model, students would be split into two groups, with only one-half of the students in the school buildings at a time.

Students will receive in-person instruction in school buildings two consecutive days per week (most likely -- Group A: Mondays and Tuesday; Group B: Wednesday and Thursday), and would participate in distance learning the other three weekdays.

The hybrid model would be a change from the full-time in-person reopening plan that was previously announced. The District is, however, striving to make our schools as safe as possible, and beginning the school year with a hybrid model would allow the District to more closely adhere to PDE’s evolving guidelines.

This model would reduce the number of students in the school at any one time and allow for six feet of social distancing in most classrooms (at this point in time), which would give our students the ability to physically distance to the maximum extent possible and afford them greater flexibility to remove face coverings during the school day.

Regardless of whether the District chooses to pursue the hybrid model, the District will still offer the CORE and CAOLA options to our students. Please see attached for a comparison of the three options: HYBRID (proposed), CORE, CAOLA, with podcast available at - https://youtu.be/7yN7B895fR8

CORE is a robust distance learning program, providing remote instruction by District teachers. Here is a NEW VIDEO overview of CORE: Introduction to Core.mp4

More specifics regarding CORE will be forthcoming regarding elementary, middle and high school.

The District’s School Board will be considering the hybrid model at its meeting on August 3, 2020. Following that meeting, I will be in touch with you about the details of our return to school plans.

More to come -

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Norman J. Miller, Ed.D. Superintendent

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