

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last evening, the school board of the Central Dauphin School District decided to pursue a full return to in-person instruction, with a tentative return date of October 13, 2020.

We understand, however, that some families may still be reluctant to return to the buildings full time therefore, we continue to offer families the choice of returning to in-person instruction **or** continuing with online learning.

We believe this will enable each one of our students to get the high-quality education that they deserve. Please follow the directions below based on your family's choice of instruction -

My Student is in hybrid, but I want my student to go to CORE (effective start date October 13, 2020):

- **Complete the attached application for each student that attends CDSB by September 21, 2020**
- Parent/guardian signature required for change to take place
- You will be contacted by your child's school with confirmation of CORE classroom assignment

My Student is currently in CORE and I want my student to stay in CORE:

- Do not complete the application
- Your student will remain in CORE

My Student is in CORE and I want them to return to full in-person instruction:

- Contact your child's school

My Student is in hybrid and I want them to return to full 5 days in-person instruction:

- Do nothing – More information to come

IMPORTANT NOTE: The current hybrid model has always been intended as a stepping stone for our District. Our goal and preference has always been to return safely and responsibly to in-person instruction.

There are many criteria for doing so safely, including: Assessing whether a partial return in a hybrid form would result in a COVID-19 outbreak in one of our buildings. So far, it has not.

1. Learning as a student body, staff and community how to teach in-person with the new health and safety protocols. With everyone's assistance, we have done so.
2. Stabilizing the beginning of school including transportation, food service and new registrations, all of which change in the first two weeks of school and affect the delivery of services. Those things have stabilized.
3. Having the ability to test and trace students and staff if someone did get sick. That ability is coming online now.
4. Giving people sufficient notice of a change in teaching because even the smallest change affects the plans of families across our community.
5. Knowing how many students will be coming back into the buildings before we reopen. Some are under the impression that current smaller class sizes will remain constant even if we return to in-person instruction. We have to assume that this is not so and we further have to assume that density in classrooms will increase. We have to be able to plan for this before students return.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your building principal.