



February 3, 2021

Hello Staff, Family and Community,

Our team has worked hard to prepare for a safe return to some in-person instruction under our hybrid model. As a result, PreK-1st grade scholars and select K-12 scholars receiving special education services whose parents or guardians have selected the hybrid model as their preferred option will be returning to classrooms on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Students returning to hybrid instruction are in the process of being assigned to either the AM or PM session for in-person instruction. These families will be notified which group their child has been assigned soon. The deadline for parents to provide their preferred option was Wednesday, February 3. Families who did not indicate a preference by completing the survey or contacting their school will remain in the 100% remote instruction model. Scholars in fully remote learning will continue to attend the AM/PM session they are currently attending.

Over the last few weeks, we've collected information from staff and families about their intentions to return to hybrid or continue in 100% fully remote instruction, refined health and safety protocols in alignment with recommendations from the department of health, and we are in the final stages of developing staff and family guides to clearly communicate these protocols.

We're working diligently to make this transition as smooth as possible for staff, families and scholars. We will maintain continuity to the extent possible as we are shifting from one model to two available models. However, as previously communicated, in order to accommodate BOTH face to face and 100% remote learning, scholars may be reassigned to a different teacher during this transition.

As we gear up for our return to the classroom, we continue to coordinate with health providers to ensure FWPS staff have access to the COVID-19 vaccination as soon as they are eligible under the state's vaccination plan. The vaccine might not be available for school staff before our hybrid model begins on March 1, however, this does not stop us from moving forward with starting our hybrid model on schedule, in alignment with guidance from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

We know there will be many questions about our return to hybrid instruction, and we will continue to share information and answer questions as quickly as we are able. I will also be hosting two separate Zoom information sessions on February 24 for parents of scholars in grades PreK-1 who are returning to hybrid instruction. More information about how to join these sessions will be shared with these families soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tammy Campbell, Superintendent