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Hastings Elementary Schools

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Good morning,

With the recent announcement from Gov. Walz, we are going to make adjustments to our learning model. As of Tuesday, January 19, 2020 our kindergarten, first, and second grade students will start full in-person instruction five days a week. Our third and fourth graders will continue to be in distance learning through Friday, January 29. Third and fourth grade students will then begin in-person instruction on Monday, February 1. Wednesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 14 will be non-instructional transition days to allow for teacher planning and building preparations.

Key elements of our full in-person learning model based on current guidance:

- Students will be on-site 5 days per week.
- Students will wear a mask throughout the day, including at physical education class and recess (exceptions are when eating or drinking).
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students will eat with their classroom cohort in the cafeteria maintaining social distancing between students.
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students will eat meals in their classroom. Hot lunch meals will be served in take-out style containers for transportation back to classrooms.
- Specialists will be taught within the homeroom class. Physical education will be taught in the gym or outside when possible. Masks will need to be worn.
- Social distancing of 3 feet or more will be followed to the extent possible.
- Bus schedules may be modified to accommodate the change in learning plan. Please see the detailed information below for opting out of district transportation.
- Teachers will wear masks and face shields.

School day (same as our hybrid model):

- 9:20 students can begin arriving
- 9:40 start of the day
- 3:25 end of the day/dismissal
- Before/After [School Age Care through Kids Campus \(Community Education\)](#) is available for enrolled families. Community Education: 651-480-7670

Learning Model Change request

We will plan for each child to continue in their current preference - either the district learning model (which may shift between in-person, hybrid and distance learning) or Hastings Online Academy (full time distance learning). If you would like your child to change learning models, please fill out [this form](#). Please know that by filling out this form, you are committing to your chosen model for the remainder of the school year. We will close this opportunity to change on January 5.

Transportation Opt-Out

With the shift to in-person learning, bus routes may need to be reconfigured. To help in planning, please complete [this form](#) if your child will NOT be using district transportation during the full-in-person schooling by January 5 (earlier helps us). If you have questions, please call the Hastings Bus Company at 651-437-1888.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions on our recent district survey, as this information helps as we continue planning and responding to meet our families' needs.

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

Sincerely,

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Key Dates:

- Tuesday, January 5 - [Transportation Opt Out form](#) due
 - Tuesday, January 5 - [Learning Model Change request](#) due
 - Friday, January 8 - Next Elementary Communication Update
 - Wednesday, January 13 - No school for all (including HOA) elementary students (transition planning)
 - Thursday, January 14 - No school for all (including HOA) elementary students (transition planning)
 - Friday, January 15 - No school (District Workshop)
 - Monday, January 18 - No school - Martin Luther King Day (District Staff Development)
 - Tuesday, January 19 - K, 1st, & 2nd Grade begin in-person instruction (3rd and 4th continue with distance learning)
 - Monday, February 1 - 3rd and 4th Grade begin in-person instruction
 - Friday, February 12 - No school (District Staff Development)
 - Monday, February 15 - No school - Presidents' day
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