Hello MCE –

The weather is changing, Covid numbers are going down, and teachers and students are working extremely hard navigating our virtual world. We are extremely proud of all they are accomplishing. We would also like to give a huge thank you and shout out to all parents and families for making this work! We know how taxing, stressful and time-consuming it is for everyone and it could not be accomplished without your help and support.

Below are the updates about the transition to Hybrid learning and exactly what that will look like for students and families. The Board of Education met last week to discuss how to safely bring our kids back to school. Remember, in order to transition to Hybrid learning, the Covid numbers must stay below 49. The Board will meet on Tuesday, October 6th to discuss plans and prepare for a final decision to be made at the October 12th Board meeting.

The CPS Board of Education is looking at all options and consulting with our Health Department to decide how our students will safely return to school. If the Board of Education chooses the Hybrid learning option, I want to make sure families understand what that looks like. Students in all classrooms were divided into Session 1 or Session 2 at the beginning of the year based on their last names. There were some exceptions for students who enrolled closer to the first day of school or after school started, if a session was full, or to make accommodations for siblings who attend other CPS schools. We were asked to divide classes into two sessions in order to keep them safely distanced and to implement all other Health Department guidelines.

If you are a Session 1 student, you would attend in-seat on Monday and Tuesday each week. For Session 2 students, you would attend in-seat on Thursday and Friday each week. The other three days would involve at home learning where students would be able to access assignments and curriculum from home to continue learning. Teachers will make sure students are prepared for these three days by sharing what is expected, how to access assignments and
curriculum, and what to do if they need assistance. Teachers will not be available to students between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the two days they are not in-seat, due to teaching the opposite session. Please watch the October 12th Board meeting for their decision, we are REALLY hoping to have kids back in the building this month!

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be on October 20th at 6:00 pm via Zoom. This could be the largest PTA meeting ever! Please plan on attending and keep up to date with how PTA supports our students and building. A zoom link will be sent out soon.

There will be a free flu shot clinic for students again this year. Most families have filled out the permission forms and we are looking at a clinic at John Warner Middle School on October 20th from 9-11. If the Board approves for elementary to go back in seat, Mill Creek will likely have a flu shot clinic in November.

We are looking forward to a healthy and fun fall return to school! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Thanks again for all you are doing being a teacher and parent!

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