

Dear CPS Families:

The district continues to work on plans for the fall and updating information based on the changes approved by the Board of Education on Monday night.

As a reminder, the Board approved a [revised school year calendar](#). The Board also approved adding in-person hybrid as an option for the district. Families still chose between in-person and online learning enrollment options in the fall. In-person learning could be 5-days a week in-person, in-person hybrid (2 days a week in-person, 3 days online) or fully online depending on the number of positive COVID-19 cases in our community.

The district is using [a tool to track and monitor](#) the virus. This will help to determine which in-person learning format will be in place for the start of school on September 8. In addition, the district will consult with local health authorities and evaluate factors such as attendance for students and staff, substitute availability and extreme swings in new cases when making a determination on changing in-person learning formats. The district will use a [daily mode indicator](#) to communicate and monitor the status of the district and individual school buildings. The district will announce the in-person format for the start of the school year by **August 24**.

With so many uncertainties associated with COVID-19, there is one thing that we know to be true - it is very likely that students will have to transition to different learning formats at any point during the year.

Additional information about the learning options and what hybrid learning will look like, including sample schedules is attached for your review.

Because it is likely that there will be shifts in how in-person is offered throughout the school year, middle and high schools must offer an altered 4x4 class schedule for the entire school year. Additionally, the 4x4 schedule will be in place for both students that have chosen in-person learning **and** students that have chosen virtual learning.

We understand that middle and high school schedules are extremely complicated, with many nuances. We will hold an **informational webinar for middle and high school families** to learn more about the 4x4 schedule and the in-person hybrid learning format **tomorrow, August 13 at 6 p.m.** You can access the webinar here: <https://cpsk12.zoom.us/j/94821588500>

Interpreters will be available in Spanish, Arabic, and Korean.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as we continue to make difficult decisions and work to prepare information for you. We are continuing to update and post information to the Fall 2020 website at [www.cpsk12.org/fall2020](http://www.cpsk12.org/fall2020).

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