

## **Transition to Full, In-Person Elementary (K-5) Instruction**

After careful consideration and deliberation, the district is preparing to transition **K-5** elementary students from the Hybrid/Remote instructional option to full, In-Person (at school each day, 5 days per week) and the full, Remote option provided adequate staffing is possible. The In-Person transition would begin soon after the start of the new academic quarter on November 16<sup>th</sup>, when each school will rollout one grade per week over a three-week period. Parents would still have the option of choosing to have their students participate in full, Remote Instruction.

The health and safety of our students, staff and all of our families remains paramount. As we have communicated, the district has exceeded New York State reopening guidance in several key areas. They include the requirement that all students and staff wear masks (with scheduled breaks), the placement of sneeze guards on all student desks, as well as temperature scanners in each school. Extensive daily cleaning will continue to occur in all schools and buses. With these measures in place, students will now be moved closer from the current 6 feet of social distancing to no less than 4 feet. In-Person class size is expected to double with an approximate range of 18-25 students. Class size will not exceed the allowable space in each classroom.

To foster instructional continuity, the district will be maintaining the teaching partners. In terms of teacher assignments, students remaining in a full, Remote section would maintain their teachers. Students transitioning from Hybrid to full, In-Person would also maintain their teachers. However, if a student is changing either from full, Remote instruction or to it, then a change in teacher assignment will occur as those teachers are remaining with their classes.

With respect to transportation, social distancing and bus capacity (22-25) will remain consistent. There will continue to be one student per seat (unless there is a sibling) and masks worn at all times.

**The district does need to receive a response from every elementary parent even if your child is continuing to participate in full, Remote learning.** The coordination of this transition, especially for transportation, will take a few weeks, so we ask that you complete and submit your selections by **Friday, October 23rd**.

**A link to the *Parent Instructional Option Selection* is provided here:**

<https://forms.gle/SMu2aDVbjrKMnKpW8>

**A link to an explanatory video is provided here:**

<https://youtu.be/m9d0FOIUDno>

The transition schedule to full, In-Person instruction will be as follows:

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Countrywood & Oakwood: Kindergarten

Birchwood & Maplewood: Grade 3

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Countrywood & Oakwood: Grade 1

Birchwood & Maplewood: Grade 4

**Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

Countrywood & Oakwood: Grade 2

Birchwood & Maplewood: Grade 5

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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