

As our district prepares plans for reopening schools in the hybrid model, we wanted to share information you could use to discuss with families to describe how class, recess, lunch, PE, etc., will look with a hybrid model.

We know schools will reopen one day and when they do, we want it to be safe. We do not think it is safe to open in the purple tier. And, if we open in hybrid, it will look nothing like it did before the pandemic.

Currently, the district is only talking about TK-2, but we know other grades will be next on the waiver list.

For Elementary the hybrid model would mean.

- 2 days with a teacher and not necessarily the teacher they had during distance learning. A new teacher would be likely.
- Students will need to maintain a six-foot distance with NO touching.
- Students and staff will be behind masks and possibly face shields and plexiglass.
- There will be no sharing of materials or of any other items.
- There will be many restrictions regarding recess, lunchtime and PE.
- There will be no carpet time for younger students and limited social interaction.

Secondary will be addressing many of these same issues with limited student to teacher and student to student interaction. And, we have not been presented with a feasible way to keep students, teachers and other employees, and everyone's family, safe. Logistically we would have to keep all of the same kids in the same cohort, in groups of 15 or less, and have them take the same classes with the same teachers and be able to keep them from other students and teachers. We do not see how that is possible.

We urge you to talk to your families about what hybrid will really look like. There will be numerous constraints to go along with the current COVID-19 protocols. Find out if families do actually want to go back with the hybrid model given the social, teacher and room restrictions in place? Will it be better for their kids? Will it be safer? Will the schedule for hybrid make sense?

It is also imperative to have teacher(s) from each site attend and participate in the PTA Committee meetings going forward. We need your voices!