

Family Update

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Good Afternoon, Park Rapids Area Families!

The District Covid Leadership Team met this afternoon and recommended moving forward with the articulated plan which brings **ALL PK-12 students In Person beginning January 18!** This is an exciting time for our school family to be present and continue learning and growing together. We still need to remain vigilant in our safety protocols and procedures to ensure that we can safely continue in the least restrictive learning model.

Along with filling the hallways and classrooms with students, brings the challenge of meeting the transportation guidelines. We are striving to meet the MDE recommendations on social distancing and bus capacities. Earlier this fall, the district asked families to consider transporting their children. Many helped us and we very much appreciate those who can continue transporting their students to and from school during this time.

Winter activities events are beginning this week. Limited spectators, 2 per student and coach, will be in attendance. More specific guidelines and procedures will be posted. All events will be live-streamed using You Tube.

There have been questions regarding the executive order that requires all staff to wear face shields along with facemasks. MDE clarified a softened position stating they strongly encourage, not require, staff operating in person or hybrid to wear a face mask and face shield together whenever possible. Masks are still required in buildings.

Thank you to all for your understanding and support during this time. Being able to come back to In Person Learning is a big step in moving forward. As always, please contact me or one of the offices if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Lance Bagstad