



BETHEL PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 1, 2021

Dear Families,

Re: Districtwide asynchronous learning day scheduled for April 12

Bethel Park School District will have a Districtwide asynchronous learning day on Monday, April 12, which is just two days after more than 500 District employees are scheduled to receive their second shot of the two-dose Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on Saturday, April 10 in the Bethel Park Community Center.

[According to the FDA](#), approximately 17% of those who receive the second dose of the Moderna vaccine experience some side effects including symptoms as mild as pain at the injection site to more severe reactions like running a low-grade fever, chills, muscle aches and nausea.

Understanding that data led us to conclude that the odds were very high that we will not be able to hold a traditional school day on April 12. Therefore, we have decided to proactively make the decision now to make it asynchronous to give our teachers and our families as much time as possible to prepare.

We are very excited at the notion that soon, nearly all Bethel Park School District staff will be fully vaccinated, which we believe will pay dividends in our classrooms as we close out the school year.

Sincerely,

James Walsh, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Bethel Park School District