

Dear Bethel Park Community,

Election Day is fast-approaching, and it is going to have an impact on the Bethel Park School District academic calendar on the week of November 2-6.

Once again, many Bethel Park schools will serve as municipality polling sites, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, William Penn, and Abraham Lincoln elementary schools as well as Neil Armstrong Middle School. Bethel Park High School, which served as a voting location last year, will **not** be one this year.

Hosting so many voting sites, as the District does every year, means that there will again be no school for Bethel Park students on Election Day, while the teachers and staff hold an in-service day.

As you know, under our current plan, hybrid students in Group A attend in-person schooling on Mondays and Wednesdays; and Group B hybrid students attend in-person schooling on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All Bethel Park students continue to learn remotely on Fridays.

However, it is imperative that all Bethel Park students get a comparable amount of in-person instruction and the Election Day school closures had rendered that all but impossible. That is why we are introducing a new timeline for that week to more equitably distribute the in-person instructional hours all of our students are receiving.

Monday, Nov. 2	Group B in-person instruction; Group A remote instruction
Tuesday, Nov. 3	Election Day; Staff in-service day; no classes
Wednesday, Nov. 4	Group A in-person instruction; Group B remote instruction
Thursday, Nov. 5	Group B in-person instruction; Group A remote instruction
Friday, Nov. 6	Teacher Records Day (end of the first nine-weeks); no classes

Bethel Park's intention remains to offer all District students whose families are comfortable doing so the opportunity to return to more in-person instruction in November with more details to follow.

The current plan also calls for Kindergarteners at Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, William Penn, and Memorial elementary schools to return to in-person schooling starting on Monday, Oct. 26. Kindergarteners at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School will begin in-person schooling starting on Thursday, Oct. 29. Students whose families are not comfortable sending their children to school will continue to have the opportunity to learn remotely.

Sincerely,

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