



BETHEL PARK

SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 11, 2021

Dear Bethel Park Families,

Re: Welcome Back to Hybrid In-Person Instruction

We would like to start by thanking the community for their support and patience during what remains an extremely difficult time for everyone.

We believe there is nothing better for a learner's academic, social, mental, and physical health than to have students in school, in person, engaging with teachers, peers, and all of the activities that make school so much more than just a place to learn how to read, write and learn mathematics. In some ways, this health crisis has reminded us all of just how important students being in school is to the well-being of any community.

Today, in accordance with the Health and Safety Plan the District updated in December, students in Group A of the Hybrid Learning track, returned to in-person schooling for the first time since mid-December. Tomorrow, we will welcome back our students in Group B. Also, by virtue of our schools being closed for nearly a month, all Bethel Park School District in-person student and staff cases were reset to zero, allowing us to reopen our buildings.

Bethel Park made that decision, as we do all of our decisions, based on the best available information we are receiving from local, state and federal agencies. During the past few weeks, we have received guidance from the PA Department of Education suggesting that elementary students can safely return to school and that our in-school transmission has not been a factor in continuing to keep our schools closed.

We would also like to again thank our maintenance and custodial staff for their work in maintaining a clean and safe environment in our classrooms. Also, we would like to remind our students and their families that you are key to our continued ability to provide in-person instruction. **Please do your part in keeping our buildings open by continuing to maintain social distancing, practicing good hygiene, and wearing masks when outside of your home.**

Also, please keep your children home if they or anyone else in your household is demonstrating symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Remember, remote learning is always a viable option for Bethel Park students. Please let your child's school know if your child has chosen to remain in remote learning.

The District is currently reviewing the state's newest recommendations to determine their impact and feasibility within the Bethel Park Health and Safety Plan.



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Sincerely,

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