



Independent District 463

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EVW District Families,

Recent updates from our school board meeting and the Minnesota Safe Learning Plan outline a process for increasing in person learning for secondary students while implementing mitigation strategies to keep both students and staff safe. The EVW school board and administrative team have been reviewing the recent changes in the Minnesota Safe Learning Plan and have prepared for more in person learning in grades 7-12.

Beginning Monday, March 8 we will transition grades 7-9 back to in person learning each M-TH. Then on Monday, March 15 we will transition grades 10-12 back to in person learning each M-TH. All EVW students will now be back to in person learning four days per week, unless families have requested distance learning.

In accordance with the Safe Learning Plan and Executive Orders, teachers receive additional planning time for distance learners along with planning days when preparing for transitioning learning models. Currently, each Friday is used to fulfill the required planning time for distance learners and to support those students that are not performing well. Friday, March 5 will be a secondary staff planning day to transition grades 7-9 back to in person learning. Friday, March 12 will be a secondary staff planning day to transition grades 10-12 back to in person learning.

There is consensus among board members and administration to continue providing staff with Friday "Office Hours." Staff will continue to prepare and deliver distance learning lessons, communicate and provide feedback to parents of struggling students, extend opportunities for additional academic support and remediation, and collaborate within departments and grade levels on best practices. Feel free to reach out to your child's instructors if in need of additional support.

As we transition more secondary students back to in-person learning, we'll continue to monitor the building level flu/covid like symptoms and rates, mental health and well-being of staff and students, capacity of our substitute pools, number of distance learners requiring more prep time, and then periodically review the level of need and frequency of Friday "Office Hours."

Thank you for the patience and working with us to provide more in person learning opportunities.

Stay well,

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Superintendent

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