

EDEN VALLEY-WATKINS SCHOOLS



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EVW District Families,

We've successfully transitioned all of our secondary students to in-person learning every M - TH, and now have all PreK-12th grade students back to in-person learning 4 days per week. The transition has gone smoothly as we've moved some classes to larger facilities, opened up additional spaces for lunch and SOAR hour, and continue masking, social distancing, practicing hand hygiene and avoiding large crowds. Please, continue to encourage your child's compliance with our mitigation strategies so that we can keep our schools open and our kids engaged in learning.

The EVW school board and administrative team has approved the addition of four Fridays to the in-person instruction calendar this spring. **All students will now attend in-person classes on Friday, April 16 and 30, and Friday May 14 and 28.** The additional four days will provide us with scheduling flexibility to accommodate spring assessments and outdoor activities, along with adherence to the Executive Order requiring additional prep time to plan and instruct those choosing distance learning.

We'll continue to monitor the building level flu/covid like symptoms and rates, mental health and well-being of staff and students, and keep you abreast of any changes in learning models or instruction calendars. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions.

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

Stay well,

Mark Messman
Superintendent
EVW School District