



## SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Topic:** Learning Model Updates

**Date:** March 9, 2021

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**Recommended action:**

- Information only
- Presentation/discussion
- Discussion/action by board of education
- Presentation/action next meeting

**Purpose:**

To summarize the current status of hybrid and remote instruction in District schools

**Additional Information:**

All families received a [Covid-19 Burden Level & District Learning Model Updates](#) communication on March 1, highlighting:

- The Monday, March 15 start for our Elementary Schools in-person learning, five days per week for roughly 85% of K-6 families who elected this learning model in third trimester Declaration Forms;
  - Grade levels from both buildings met on Wednesday, 3/3 with Sam Coleman and Kim Salem to discuss how teaching sections would be allocated between remote and in person classes;
  - The District continued to prioritize honoring student declaration requests and providing consistency for students in developing in-person and remote cohorts for this third transition, reducing movement of students away from their current teachers as much as possible;
  - Based on the declaration results, one virtual section was created at each grade level, across both schools, ensuring equity for remote students; and
  - Requiring the physical movement of students and staff to other school campuses will not be required. Students who are in-person who need to move teachers will have an option to move to the other school if they prefer a smaller class size.
- SHS and SIS students will continue in their hybrid instructional model. If the Covid-19 burden level is under 100 on 3/5/21, we will begin transitioning to a schedule of *four* days per week of in-person instruction. A remote learning option will continue to remain

available. We will continue with asynchronous Wednesdays at SIS and SHS to allow for individualized and small group support for students, especially for those receiving remote instruction. We are estimating a start date of Monday, April 12, for the four days per week in-person instruction. This will allow us to complete the third quarter grading period in our current learning model and have a full week after Spring Break to monitor the prevalence of Covid-19 cases in Shorewood and in the North Shore. Declaration forms for the 4th quarter will be sent out by principals in the next couple of weeks.

- The status of COVID-19 vaccinations for District faculty and staff: all of District's Phase 1A and 65+ year old staff members have received or been offered a vaccine. Through our partnership with the North Shore Pharmacy and North Shore Health Department, an additional 54 faculty and staff in Phase 1B - and prioritized by the District - were vaccinated. Many staff members have also used independent sources, such as Walgreens, to set up vaccine appointments. As of Thursday, 3/4/21, we had over 40% of our staff receive their first vaccine dose, a great start! A special thank you to District Nurse Kelly Barlow and District Safety Coordinator Joe Patek for their coordination of our vaccination efforts.