

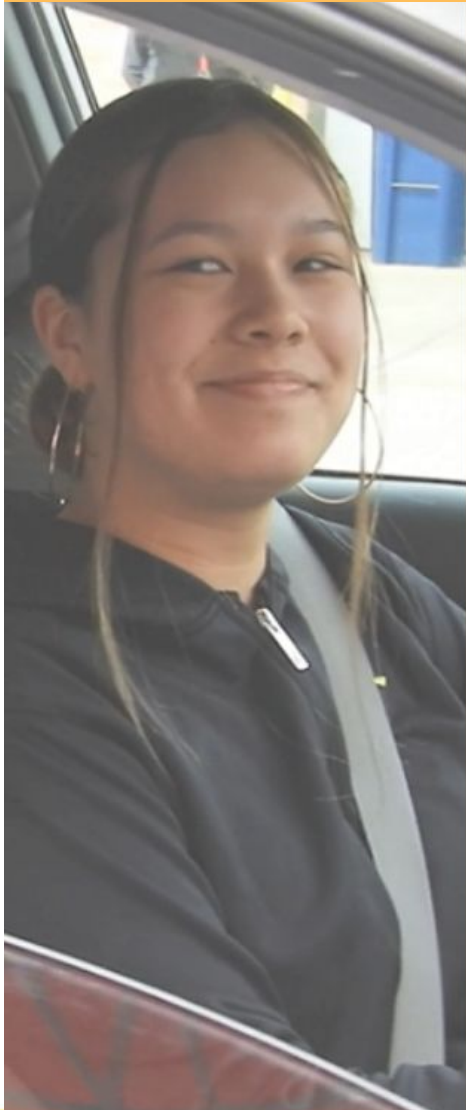
# Superintendent Update

*April 26, 2021*

# General Updates

- Learning Model and Operational Planning Updates to follow
- Next week, we will celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week
- Laura Hoffman Hordyk, our new Director of Human Resources will start tomorrow
- Interviews for Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning and Equity and Director of Secondary Teaching, Learning and Equity will take place in the coming weeks

# Learning Model Updates



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# Guiding Principles

FOR RE-OPENING SCHOOLS

- 1 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
- 2 Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model
- 3 Equity: Ensuring all means all
- 4 Optimize use of resources (space & materials)
- 5 Community and stakeholder engagement in plan development

*Equity Criteria:*

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

[ISD709.org/Equity](https://isd709.org/Equity)

## 2020-21 Return to Learn

### Current Local COVID-19 Numbers

#### *St. Louis County Bi-Weekly Case Rate for Schools*

- 01/02 - 58.75
- 01/09 - 56.90
- 01/16 - 43.4
- 01/23 - 38.0
- 01/30 - 29.04
- 02/06 - 16.5
- 02/13 - 13.23
- 02/20 - 10.82
- 02/27 - 11.7
- 03/6 - 12.9
- 03/13 - 12.57
- 03/20 - 15.1
- 03/27 - 27.88
- 04/03 - 39.86
- 04/10 - 44.52
- 04/17 - 39.13

## In-Person Model Update:

- Additional consultations with the department of health indicate that we can stay in our 4 Day In-Person model at the secondary level, as well as in our 5 Day In-Person model at the elementary level
- Future forecasting and other measures indicate that our rates will decline, but we continue to remain vigilant and must exercise caution

## Prom and Graduation Updates:

- Again, with consultation with the department of health and in work with school administration, we decided to cancel prom so that we can focus on remaining in our in-person learning models as well as to have in-person graduation
- East and Denfeld are continuing to take input and plan for these exciting events.

## Vaccine and Testing Updates

- Students between the ages of 16 and 17 are now eligible for vaccination and encouraged to get them
- Students may turn in their saliva testing through our staff testing events



**2021 - 2022**

# **Operational Planning Updates**

# Operational Planning Overview:

- The 2021/22 Operational Plan is intended to provide a unified and focused approach to the return to school from the distance-based learning during the Covid 19 pandemic.
- The Operational Plan is intended to inform and lead into a longer range and continuous District Strategic Plan as has been prioritized by district stakeholders, including the School Board and the Superintendent.

# Where are we going?

The return to in-person learning will require district-wide focus in all schools on:

- a. Student learning, including learning loss (MTSS)
- b. Social Emotional Learning and Mental health of students (MTSS)
- c. Equity Framework knowledge and application
- d. Blended Learning Initiative implementation

# Where are we going?

The District will also need to focus on:

- a. Development and implementation of a principal support framework
- b. Renewed support of our Continuous Improvement Teams
- c. Consistent and clear employee and public engagement
- d. Skyward and Frontline software and processes
- e. Consider needed changes in employee agreements
- f. Consider relatively minor elementary school attendance area changes

# Next Steps:

- District Continuous Improvement Team Planning- April 27 and May 4th
- Leveled Principal Meetings on May 6th
  - Continue to prioritize draft strategies for 21-22 school year
  - Continue to prioritize draft strategies for 22-23 and 23-24
- Drafting staff and community input surveys
- Will continue to update the board