Superintendent's Update

March 16, 2021



General Updates



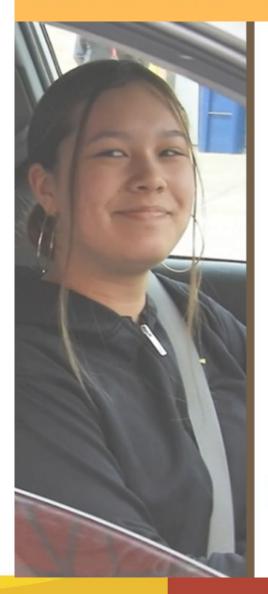
General Updates

- Joined <u>Association of Metropolitan School Districts</u> -Board Members will be listed and potentially contacted
- Interviews for Director of Human Resources will take place on 3/19
- Interviews for Director of Teaching and Learning (formerly Curriculum and Instruction) on 3/26
- Superintendent Evaluation Committee
- Opportunity for Grounding on Equity
- Calendar Committee



Learning Model Updates





ISD 709

Guiding Principles

FOR RE-OPENING SCHOOLS

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

Equity Criteria:

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

ISD709.org/Equity

Current Local COVID-19 Numbers

St. Louis County Bi-Weekly Case Rate for Schools

- 9/12 16.14
- 9/19 22.47
- 9/26 33.37
- 10/03 35.20
- 10/10 32.70
- 10/17 34.20
- 10/24 39.80
- 10/31 54.30
- 11/07 105.00
- 11/14 153.90
- 11/21 169.70
- 11/28 154.10

- 12/05 127.40
- 12/12 100.20
- 12/19 72.60
- 12/26 60.70
- 01/02 58.75
- 01/09 56.90
- 01/16 43.40
- 01/23 37.86
- 01/30 29.04
- 02/06 16.48
- 02/20 10.80
- 02/27 11.70



Vaccine Update

- Staff who have requested a vaccine have received at least the first dosage
- Additional second vaccines are being scheduled
- Employees have been granted up to two hours of time for vaccination



Hybrid Model Update:

- Last Week: Hybrid grades 6, 9 and 12 with synchronous sessions in the afternoon for all students
- This Week: Hybrid roll in grades 7, 8, 10 and 11 with synchronous sessions in the afternoon for all students
- Next Week: Continue secondary hybrid and synchronous
- Continue planning for 4-day in-person schedule for secondary school students
- Continue providing distance learning for families who choose this option

Consultations with MDE and MDH

- Began consultations regarding return to in person on January 4th
- Met with again with consultation team on Monday, March 1st
- Received guidance on distancing
- Followed up with MDE for additional clarification on capacity



In-Person Model Update:

- Week of March 29: Begin 4-Day In Person Schedule
 - March 29 & 30: Transition Days per state guidelines,
 (no hybrid or distance learning at secondary)
 - April 1 & 2: In-Person Student Days
- Week of April 5: In-Person Student Days
- Continue to provide distance learning for families who choose this option



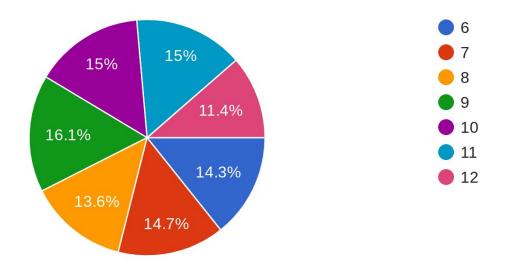
In-Person Model Update:

- 4-Day model Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 - High school bell times: 9:45AM 3:25PM
 - Middle school bell times: 9:30AM 3:15PM
- Wednesday Support for distance learning and content development
- Secondary Hybrid, In-Person Web Page



Secondary Model Registration

Please select this student's grade for the 2020-2021 school year: 3,545 responses



Total responses by Grade:

Grade 6 - 506, Grade 7 - 520, Grade 8 - 482

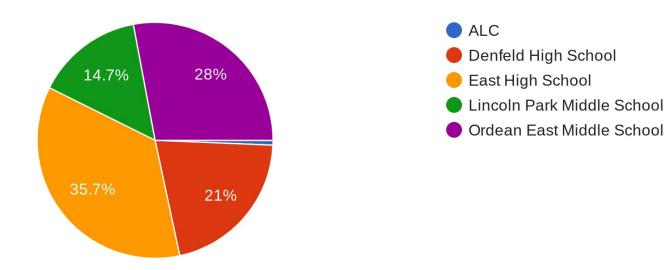
Grade 9 - 569, Grade 10 - 532, Grade 11 - 532, Grade 12 - 404



Secondary Model Registration

Please select this student's school:

3,545 responses



Total responses by School:

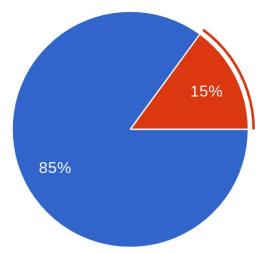
ALC - 23, Denfeld HIgh School - 744, East High School - 1266 Lincoln Park Middle School - 521, Ordean East Middle School - 991



Secondary Model Registration

When the District begins offering In-Person Learning, which learning model will this student select?

3,545 responses



In-Person Learning ModelDistance Learning Model

Total responses by Learning Model:

In-Person Learning - 3015 Distance Learning -530 Duluth Public Schools

Secondary Model Registration

School	Distance	In-Person
Area Learning Center	30%	70%
Denfeld	19%	81%
East	14%	86%
Lincoln Park	17%	83%
Ordean	11%	89%



Remaining Challenges

- Lunchtime seating and spacing
- Scheduling of classes and transportation based on incoming registration numbers
- Bandwidth and device distribution



Next Steps:

- Continue planning for safe and successful return to in-person instruction
- Finalize registration of those remaining in distance learning and adjust schedules and transportation accordingly
- Continue to monitor and implement quickly changing state and local guidance
- Continue communication and collaboration with all stakeholders

