



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

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Good evening Ashby families:

Should this message get cut off or you would like a copy of the information presented, you can access it on our school website under COVID-19. A message will also be sent to all incoming 6th grade -12th-grade families through text message asking to register for Seesaw. This will be our new form of communication taking over for Clasdojo. Please follow the prompts that are given. Expect this message early next week.

Over the last month and a half, schools across the state have been asked to develop plans regarding three potential scenarios for school this upcoming school year. Scenario 1: In-person Learning, Scenario 2: Hybrid Learning, and Scenario 3: Distance Learning.

As a school district, we are already prepared, with some additional safety measures, to resume in-person learning in the fall. Though distance learning was not an ideal learning platform, we have learned a lot from student and family surveys and are working at increasing the level of support and engagement to make this platform more effective should we need it in the future. Scenario 2, the Hybrid Model continues to create logistical and educational concerns and challenges that we are continuing to address.

Tomorrow, a survey will be sent out to you regarding families' feelings on the start of the school year. We are hoping that most if not all of our Ashby families are able to give us insight into how they are feeling regarding the idea of coming back in person, or through distance learning. We realize there is an array of thoughts and feelings regarding COVID-19, precautions being taken throughout local communities, the state, and throughout the country.

As a school, our job is to continue to provide the best education we can within the guidelines we are given. Our goal is to have as many students in the school receiving direct instruction as much as we safely can and are permitted to do so. Our Hybrid Model will take into consideration the proper safety measures that need to be taken as well as a structure that allows us to effectively teach our students in the time we are given.

If in a distance learning model, we will provide the best engaging instruction we can while also attempting to allow a reasonable amount of flexibility and choice so that families can adjust to the challenges at home learning can bring.

In planning, our goal is to keep as much consistency as we can with programming, communication, technology, and instruction throughout the different scenarios as we know that we could be in any three of them or all of them throughout the year.

As new information comes in, we will do our best to continue to inform families of upcoming changes, schedules, and plans as the new school year approaches.

We hope summer has treated everyone well. We look forward to having students back in our school. Until then, be happy and be well.

Respectfully,

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