

**What is the timeline for requesting to change programs?**

A survey will be sent to all families on October 19<sup>th</sup>. However, only the families who are requesting a change (remote to in-person, or in-person to remote) need to respond by October 23, 2020. Changes will be implemented starting on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Why can't students be placed into the remote program earlier than Nov. 30th?**

There are implications that revolve around changes to either the in-person or fully remote by choice programs. Class size, schedules and student rosters must be taken into consideration. The Floral Park Bellerose School District remains focused on balancing continuity and consistency with parent requests.

**What was the criteria for having all hybrid students back in the building?**

This was explained in our last letter to parents which is Attachment 3 in our Re-entry Plan. The Re-entry plan is updated and posted on our website.

**When will specials be live teaching rather than zooming?**

Initially, based on the guidelines, specific about creating cohorts, the Floral Park Bellerose School District made a decision with input from our Teaching and Learning Committee that specialty area staff would not push-in to classrooms for health and safety reasons (not having the staff and students exposed to multiple individuals). At this point, now that we have started the school year, we have experiences – such as related services and soon to begin our AIS (Academic Intervention Services) program where staff members are pulling students from different classrooms to provide interventions. We have learned from these experiences, that we are able to implement these services safely utilizing masks and barriers. Based on this information, we will begin to explore the possibilities of the specialty area teachers pushing into classrooms. Additionally, we will be discussing the possibilities of how to conduct physical education outdoors – knowing that we will have to consider the space at both schools as well as inclement weather.

**If there is a positive case in the FPBSD, how will families be notified?**

This will be based on the unique circumstances of each case. In some instances, you may be contacted directly and in other cases it may be communication in the form of a district announcement (website, connect ed call/email).

**Expansion Project**

The expansion project is under way. We have been working on confirming completion dates since there was a delay in the start date due to COVID-19. Updated pictures of this project are available on the website.

**PROBE**

All programs will be reviewed based on the most updated information related to COVID-19, budget, scheduling and space. We have a Probe club in place for our existing Probe 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders which will be starting this Month (October 2020).

**School Hours**

Our school day was shortened to allow for our aides to adequately supervise bathroom use, hallway traffic, and arrival/dismissal procedures due to the additional COVID-19 safety precautions required to safely open schools. We are continuing to advertise, interview and hire more aides, as necessary.

We are reviewing our current day and exploring extending our hours with our union leadership and administrators. You will be informed of any changes.

**Make up time**

Moving forward, all students in our hybrid program will be in school 5 days a week starting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. If there are circumstances that determine necessary to return to a hybrid program – we will review the calendar before assigning dates to each group.