

### **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>.

All requests have been received and changes will begin on November 30<sup>th</sup>. All current requests will be honored and there will be no impact to staffing for in-person and remote classrooms. Though numbers of students have changed in some of our classrooms, there has not been a need to collapse and/or open any new classes. Our remote numbers range from 13 to 30. Any requests made moving forward will be on a case by case decision. Please contact your building administrators if you have any questions. Classroom teachers will be reaching out to students and their families to discuss the transition to their new program.

### **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.

Discussions continue with our specialty area staff about all the details that need to be addressed before changes are made to how the program is implemented. Schedules will remain the same until further notice.

### **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.

**Updated drone pictures have been posted to 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).

**All extra-curricular clubs and activities were approved at the October BOE meeting.**

### **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.

### **Regular school hours**

At this point, due to the numerous variables that impact our ability to increase the hours - we do not have a specific timeline. We are having conversations with union leadership, our staff and all the administrators. Staffing as well as having staff exposed to multiple classes are just a few of the challenges.

## SLP update

At this time, the challenges we continue to face with SLP are staffing and adhering to the Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines with regard to the co-mingling of cohorts. **This also applies to the Saturday Enrichment Program.** We will revisit the possibility of SLP **and a modified Saturday Enrichment Program** in January 2021.