



Hello WSD Community,

Last night, the Wauwatosa School Board approved the District's recommendation to **maintain the hybrid model of instruction for Phase Into Learning through November 24, 2020**. The earliest day students would return for five-day-per-week classroom instruction is Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

The School Board considered several key pieces of information in making this decision, including:

- COVID-19 cases continue to climb in Wauwatosa and other areas where our staff and students live, as evidenced by the District's [COVID-19 dashboard](#).
- The District has seen increasing COVID-19 cases in schools, and it has been required to quarantine additional students and staff members. Currently, there are 13 staff members and 55 students quarantined across the District.
- Staff quarantines and absences have caused the District to shift teaching resources between schools.
- If additional staff quarantines occur, it will become increasingly difficult for the District to maintain in-person instruction - even in a hybrid model of instruction - due to a statewide shortage of substitute teachers.
- At this time, the District will be challenged to adhere to physical distancing recommendations and maintain six feet between students with full classroom attendance.
- The District has received positive feedback from staff, students and families regarding the current hybrid model of instruction.
- Maintaining consistency in the model of instruction and minimizing back-and-forth shifts between models is critical to the mental health of staff, students and families.
- The District's primary priority continues to be the health and safety of its students and staff members.

The District presented a proposed timeline for the coming months, with key dates as follows:

**October 26 - School Board Meeting**

District to present Phase Into Learning Five-Day-Per-Week Plan.

**November 9 - School Board Meeting**

Board to vote on Phase Into Learning model of instruction to begin on December 1, 2020.

**November 10-13 - Elementary Instruction Selection Window**

Elementary parents to select Phase Into Learning, Tosa Connected or WVA for their student's second trimester learning.

**December 1 - Second Trimester Begins; Five-Day-Per-Week Classroom Instruction May Begin**

Elementary students will learn in the model of instruction chosen during the Nov. 10-13 selection window. All students enrolled in Phase Into Learning and Tosa Connected may begin five-day-per-week instruction, pending Board approval.

**December 1-3 - Secondary Instruction Selection Window**

Secondary parents to select Phase Into Learning, Tosa Connected or WVA for their student's second semester learning.

**January 25 - Second Semester Begins**

Secondary students will learn in the model of instruction chosen during the Dec. 1-3 selection window.



**February 1-3 - Elementary Instruction Selection Window**

Elementary parents to select Phase Into Learning, Tosa Connected or WVA for their student's third trimester learning.

**March 8 - Third Trimester Begins**

Elementary students will learn in the model of instruction chosen during the Feb. 1-3 selection window.

Full schedule details can be found [here](#). Please note that this is a tentative timeline and dates are subject to change.

Additional information will be provided via email and will be posted on our [Reopening Page](#) as it becomes available. Once again, thank you for your engagement, feedback and support as we work through these challenging times. The Wauwatosa School District remains committed to providing a high-quality educational experience, maintaining transparency and making decisions that are in the best interest of our community.

All the best,

-Wauwatosa School District