



Dear CCSD93 Community,

I hope you and your family are enjoying a safe summer. This message is to update you on the status of CCSD93's start of 2020-21 school year planning.

Upfront please know three critical pieces of information:

1. We want nothing more than to have all students and staff members in our buildings safely participating in the learning process, with each student receiving a relevant educational experience every school day. However, we must be realistic. Given the situation we face, we must find a solution that strikes an optimal balance of minimizing the opposing health and social-emotional risks confronting our students and families.
2. CCSD93 will make an announcement on the plan chosen for the start of the school year during the week of July 20.
3. You will be invited to a 2020-21 School Year Virtual Town Hall Meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28 to find out more about the start of the school year from district leaders and ask questions. It will be archived for later viewing.

Why wait until the week of July 20 to make a final decision?

We continue to plan for each of the three potential scenarios that we have previously shared with you: full in-person learning, remote learning, and a combination of the two that we are now calling hybrid learning. Plans have been formulated by work groups of staff members and administrators from across the district that strive for adherence to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois Department of Public Health, the DuPage County Health Department, and the Illinois State Board of Education. As the local, state and national landscape in relation to the pandemic remains in flux, portions of the guidance that we receive is clarified, updated, or changed on a daily basis. In some situations, specific guidance from some of these organizations is in conflict with one another.

By waiting until the week of July 20, we allow time to assess forthcoming updates and clarifying information while still providing time for family members and staff to prepare for the school year. I understand the anxiety caused by the unknown status of the start of the school year, but I believe we allow ourselves the best opportunity to make the most informed decision possible in the best interest of students by targeting that it be made the week of July 20.

To our families who were able to take the CCSD93 survey that was recently sent out, I thank you. While the survey was inherently vague, your feedback helped to provide a general snapshot to the district regarding the pulse of parents, which will continue to be used to inform our decision-making process.

Please look for an announcement the week of July 20, which will also contain more information regarding CCSD93's Virtual Town Hall Meeting.

Thank you, have a terrific weekend, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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