



## POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 2, 2020

Dear Pottsgrove Families,

At last night's School Board meeting, the Board reaffirmed its decision to accept the Administration's recommendation to physically reopen schools for our families who have chosen the hybrid option for their students. As we continue to monitor our local health data, we are optimistic that we will be able to begin bringing our students back in a hybrid model on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- The students of families who don't choose to participate in the hybrid model will remain in the 100% virtual model.
- The hybrid model means that approximately half of the students whose families choose that option for their child's learning will attend school on Mondays and Tuesdays; the remaining half will attend on Thursdays and Fridays. On remaining weekdays, students will work from home, with Wednesdays remaining as asynchronous days for all students.
- ***Families that would like to switch back to the all virtual model, may still do so. We ask that you contact your school office to update your information prior to Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.***
- Many families have recently altered their decision on returning their children to school at this time, resulting in some route and schedule changes. New transportation postcards were mailed this week. The postcards reflect the most up to date information on transportation for your children. Transportation is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

As we move toward reopening, the safety of our school community remains our top priority. To that end, our health and safety plan will guide many of our practices and procedures. Please expect that our schools will look, feel and operate differently in the hybrid model. We also know that the hybrid model does not fit the needs of every family or student. No matter what model you choose for your student(s), our teachers and staff are working to engage students in active and meaningful learning experiences.

As a reminder, the Pottsgrove School District will continue to follow the Montgomery County Office of Public Health guidelines for the reopening of schools. Montgomery County is now in the range that allows hybrid learning to occur. The MCOPH metrics are supported by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Policy Lab and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Throughout the pandemic, we have relied upon, and will continue to rely on medical guidance and COVID-19 data related to Montgomery County.

I once again thank you for your flexibility and patience as we continue to navigate the many challenges presented by COVID-19. If you have any specific questions related to your son or daughter's educational choice, please feel free to reach out to your building principal.

Sincerely,

William R. Shirk, Jr., Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools