

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Tuesday's Special School Board Meeting the Trustees approved two major proposals that will affect all of our families. First, the Trustees approved a Hybrid Instructional model and an Online-Only Instructional Model for families to select from this fall. Second, the Trustees approved a modified student start date for the school year of Monday, September 14. A brief explanation of each model is set out below and the two attachments to this email provide even more detailed information to assist families in their decision-making.

Hybrid Instructional Model

The AA/BB Hybrid Model is the in-school instructional model approved by the Trustees. The AA/BB Hybrid Model was favored by families that responded to the District survey and District staff are in support. The attached document explains this model in detail. The Hybrid Model involves segregating students into two cohorts, A or B, to enable reduced capacity in our schools so that in-school instruction can occur for all students.

[Hybrid explained.pdf](#)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A	Face-to-Face	Face-to-Face	Distance Learning	Distance Learning	Distance Learning
Group B	Distance Learning	Distance Learning	Distance Learning	Face-to-Face	Face-to-Face

Information to date: The Hybrid Instructional Model will be offered as long as Latah County remains in a Category 2 (Yellow) Level with respect to active cases of COVID-19. If Latah County is moved into a Category 3 (Red) Level, the District may need to return to full distance learning. When Latah County returns to a Category 1 (Green) level, the District may consider bringing all students who are in the Hybrid Instructional Model back into the schools at full capacity five days a week.

Online-Only Instructional Model

The Online-Only Model is offered for families that do not want their children in school during the fall 2020 semester. The Online-Only Model will require a full semester commitment. The District will be using the "Canvas" Learning Management System as the platform for instruction. The uniform use of this platform will provide consistent, accurate and easy access to instruction, assignments and assessments. Families that wish to select the Online-Only Instructional Model must contact the appropriate school for each of their students by August 17. Please see the attached document for contact information for each school.

[Online-Only Document](#)

Student Start Date Moved to September 14

The Trustees approved the proposal to move the student's start date of school to September 14. This is seven school days later than the original start date of September 2. This later date will allow the District to "soft open". The soft opening will allow teachers/staff more time to prepare for instructing in the two models. It will also allow the District to bring small groups of students and their parents/guardians into their schools for orientation purposes. This later date will also provide additional time to monitor and observe what impact the return of the college students will have on our community and the number of COVID-19 cases.

Please Note

Both the Hybrid Instructional Model and the September 14 student start could be modified based upon a significant increase in COVID cases within our community.

Each of the COVID Operations Taskforce's subcommittees are working on the re-opening of our schools to provide informational documents and protocols that we will be sharing once approved by the Oversight Committee or Board of Trustees. You will be able to view that information on our website starting early next week.

Sincerely,

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