



Hello CWASD Families, this is Dr. Grove.

September 10, 2020

The purpose of this message is to provide an update to our school re-entry plan.

Last night, the school board directed the administration to begin face-to-face instruction for elementary students starting on Monday, Sept. 21, 2020 if our local zip codes metrics remain below the state guidelines. The public health metrics provided to school districts include incidence rates and the percent positivity of diagnostic testing. The guidelines for school re-entry to full face-to-face education include an incidence rate below 10 per 100,000 and a percent positivity rate of less than 5%. Currently, in our zip codes, the last 7-day average incidence rate was 5.85 per 100,000 and a percent positivity rate of less than 1%. We will be posting these numbers every Wednesday on our website.

We will be bringing the secondary students back to school for full face-to-face education on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Once we are back to full face-to-face instruction, we will continue to monitor the local metrics to help determine if we need to return to partial or full virtual learning in the future. The intent for elementary students will be to have them continue with face-to-face instruction unless our local metrics increase above the state thresholds indicating substantial incidence rates (above 100 in 100,000) or a positivity rate above 10% for several weeks.

We will continue with face-to-face instruction in our secondary schools unless we have several weeks of incidence rates above 10 per 100,000 and a positivity rate above 5%. The secondary administration will be working on a blended or hybrid model to pivot to if the need arises.

We will continue to monitor the metrics of our local zip codes. Our plan for monitoring these metrics has been updated from our August 24 communication. If the thresholds are exceeded for three weeks in a row, we will move to an alternate method of instruction. We will give parents a warning after two weeks and then, if the thresholds are exceeded the third week, we would let everyone know after the third Wednesday and we would pivot the following week. We would encourage all of our families to keep contingency plans in place in case we need to pivot in the future.

We want to thank everyone for your patience and flexibility in these trying times. Our school board is very concerned about providing the best instructional environment for our students while looking out for everyone's health and welfare. We believe our local community is best represented by our local metrics and these currently indicate a very low risk. We want to ask all of our families and community members to continue to be diligent with your health and safety measures. Our community incidence rates and positivity rates are currently very low. Keeping these metrics in the low threshold will allow us to begin and maintain our face-to-face instruction which is the best for our students.

Go Scouts!