



# Southland School District

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## RE: Full-Time In-Person Learning Model: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Dear Southland Families,

Southland School District will be moving from our current "Flexible Learning Day" model to an in-person learning model with K-12 students attending school 5 days/week (or all scheduled school days) for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter starting April 6<sup>th</sup>. Southland believes that in-person learning is the most effective way to educate our students. The number of students choosing or required to learn via distance learning has remained low over the past several weeks.

We fully understand that there is still the risk of positive COVID-19 cases at school requiring large numbers of students to move to distance learning for a period of time. In these situations, it may be necessary to move a specific group of students back to the "Flexible Learning Day" model to allow teachers adequate time to prepare lessons for both in-person students and distance learning students.

In an effort to limit the number of students moving back and forth from the in-person model to the distance learning model, Southland's Safe Learning Plan has been updated to include the following restrictions effective April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

- *Movement to distance learning for families requesting to move to distance learning from in-person or hybrid for reasons other than a health issue will only be allowed at the quarter or mid-quarter*
  - *Movement back to in-person or hybrid learning will be allowed at the quarter or mid-quarter*

These updated limitations are intended to keep our students in school as much as possible. The consistency also assists our teachers with their preparation and planning.

Our staff is preparing to welcome our students back to school full-time for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and look forward to the additional in-person instructional time.

Sincerely,

Scott Hall

Superintendent, Southland School District