



February 24, 2021

Dear LeRoy-Ostrander Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well!

To ensure a collaborative and transparent process in creating a possible full-time in-person learning transition plan for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students, we wanted to continue to update you on the important considerations we examine prior to determining any change in learning models. This letter is **NOT** executing a learning model change at this time. It is however, proactively suggesting a possible change could occur, naturally, beginning Term 4 (April 6), for the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Considerations:**

**Student and Staff Safety**

Student and staff safety is the primary concern. Leroy-Ostrander School District will provide an environment following recommendations from the CDC, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Department of Education; masking up, social distancing, regular disinfecting and staying home with any symptoms. What's more, specific procedures and protocols are in place in the event that a positive case of COVID-19 is identified in our schools (i.e. contact tracing).

**Facilities Preparedness**

LeRoy-Ostrander School District has adapted various CDC and Minnesota Department of Health measures to meet social-distancing requirements in the classrooms, hallways and community areas, which also includes a medical isolation room if student or staff symptoms are identified. Any change in learning models depends on adaptations made to classrooms to allow for appropriate social distancing. Additionally, sanitizing stations have been installed and daily sanitizing of all surfaces has been implemented.

**Districtwide Safety and Precautionary Measures**

Requirement for all students, staff and visitors to wear masks (face-coverings) and follow social distancing protocols at all times has been instituted throughout the school year and will continue. Also, the school district requests that frequent hand washing is taking place throughout the school day. Visitors to the schools will be limited (ex. only in specific situations) and must follow all safety protocols. The school district regularly reviews all local Covid-19 case data to determine a safe teaching and learning environment; the school district's case data continues to be very low, county case rates continue to fall, and the number of educators vaccinated are increasing.

**Food Service**

All LeRoy-Ostrander students in grades prek-12 will continue to receive a free lunch throughout the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. The school district has communicated various Pandemic EBT



Benefits documents to families. If questions should arise concerning meal benefits, please contact the school district office.

### **Transportation**

We have implemented safety and cleaning protocols for all van and bus transports. The school district will continue to disinfect the vehicles after each route, throughout the school year.

### **Travel**

As spring break approaches, out-state and international travel is strongly discouraged. Please note that the CDC now requires a negative Covid-19 test and recommends a seven-day post-travel quarantine. If families must travel, please follow CDC guidance to protect yourself and others. If spikes in case emerge, transitions to in-person learning are stalled.


### **Curriculum and Instruction**

In-person learning for grades 7-12 has not been recognized in the school district since March 2020. The 7-12 teaching staff is excited and will be prepared to institute an in-person learning model. LeRoy-Ostrander teachers will assess learning levels to understand what students know and will create intentional responses, rather than leaping into grade-level curriculum. The LeRoy-Ostrander School District teaching staff know as learning models change, students must maintain basic skill development and continue to build a foundation for lifelong learning. Remedial supports will be embedded into instruction.


The school district will ensure that a return to full time in-person learning model for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is safe and effective for everyone in our school and our community at-large. Communications will be sent as determinations are made if the current 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade learning model changes to a full time in-person model at a natural term break (Term 4, April 6). Please continue to review the school district's Facebook page, website and Infinite Campus for continued updates.

The support, cooperation, and communication from our families has been nothing shy of incredible. Thank you!

Kind Regards,



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