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LPS Community

At last evening's regular Board of Education meeting, the Board formally approved the proposed *Return to Learn Plan* revisions for the second semester, which begins Tuesday, January 5, 2021. The *2020-2021 Return to Learn* document has been updated, and can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

When students and staff return for the start of second semester, the plan moving forward will look very similar to the first semester of the school year, with a few modifications. Below, you will find the important updates to the plan to take note of:

- Elementary level (grades PreK-5) students will continue to be provided in-person learning opportunities Monday-Friday. One change for elementary in-person and virtual learners during the second semester is that elementary schools will be on a two-hour early release schedule every Wednesday during the second semester. This will provide needed time for our elementary teaching teams to collaborate around learning and spend time with professional development. All elementary schools will be providing families with additional information later today regarding after-school care opportunities for in-person learners in need of this service on Wednesdays.
- Secondary level (grades 6-12) students will continue with the current flexible learning model that has been in place this semester. Following recent feedback, there will be a focus on both increased learning on virtual learning days for hybrid students and an increase in engagement and learning on virtual Wednesdays, as well.
- Liberty Virtual School will continue in its current format for the second semester. Any families interested in participating in this 100% virtual learning opportunity are encouraged to visit their website, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

LPS is continuing the process of exploring scenarios in which we can provide additional in-person learning opportunities for our secondary students during the second semester. This work will resume as staff and students return for the start of second semester in January. Please know that all decisions continue to be made while in close communication with the Clay County Public Health Center and the **City of Kansas City, Missouri, Health Department**, with the health and safety of students and staff as our top priority. We are also committed to providing staff and families with regular updates, as necessary.

Later this week, we will be providing staff and families with an additional update with some final reminders as we close out the first semester and look ahead to January 2021. As always, we appreciate the patience and grace you have shown us throughout this pandemic, and we look forward to serving our students, staff, and families in 2021!

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