



REGION 15 SCHOOLS 2020-21 REOPENING INFORMATION

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Good evening,

It has been just about one month since we opened our doors to welcome students back. We have come so far in the past thirty days. We can count ourselves among the few districts in the area that have been able to reopen schools everyday and maximize the amount of in-person learning.

This has not been an easy task. Our educators and staff have gone above and beyond to create learning spaces and adapt to an environment that has not been asked of our school district before. Over the past month we have seen a great deal of innovation. We will need to continue to innovate, create and adapt to the demands asked of us. While our teachers and staff have risen to the task, it is clear that we need more time to adapt our instruction, more training on the tools and technologies quickly becoming critical to our instruction, and space to share what is working as we reinvent what have been constants of educational practice.

Tonight the Board of Education voted to modify the student calendar and provide early release days for students so that staff can better meet the demands they are faced with.

We very much understand that schedule changes impact families. We ask that you try to understand the magnitude of changes we are making. Please remain flexible and patient as we adjust to meet the needs of all students. We have learned a great deal over the past month about how planning for instruction has changed. We have visited classrooms, talked with students, heard from our parents and listened to our teachers about the obstacles they are facing with students both simultaneously remote and in person.

The following dates will be planned early release days so that teachers can continue to learn, be innovative and meet the needs of both in-person and remote students.

October 14, October 28, November 11, November 18, December 16, January 6, January 27, February 3, March 3, and April 28.

An updated calendar will be sent out and available on our website tomorrow.

Thank you for your understanding and continued trust in our schools.

Joshua Smith
Superintendent
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