



Whitefish Bay

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Greetings Whitefish Bay School Community and Staff,

Last night at the Regular School Board Meeting, the School Board voted to shift back to the **Blended AA/BB Model with the Virtual Option beginning Monday, December 14th**. This decision was made following a review of community and school based metrics; consultation with the North Shore Health Department; declining school-based and community burden rates; having sufficient staffing; and the desire to return to in-person learning. As difficult as these transitions can be for families and staff, the District is committed to in-person learning whenever possible.

We will continue to monitor our school-based metrics and operations, and will notify you should there be any changes to this plan. Those students and families currently in the blended model who wish to remain virtual at this time are encouraged to contact their school's principal to make those arrangements. At this point in time, all Blended Model in-person learning for students and staff will continue as indicated below:

- **Mon, Dec. 14 - Cohort A In Person Learning**
- **Tue, Dec. 15 - Cohort A In Person Learning**
- **Wed, Dec. 16 - Asynchronous Learning for all students**
- **Thurs, Dec. 17 - Cohort B In Person Learning**
- **Fri, Dec. 18 - Cohort B In Person Learning**
- **Mon, Dec. 21 - Cohort A In Person Learning**
- **Tue, Dec. 22 - Cohort B In Person Learning**
- **Mon, Jan. 4 - Cohort A In Person Learning and the [District Calendar](#) will continue as indicated.**

Further direction to students and staff will come from your school's principal in the near future. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this transition.

During the holiday season, we encourage all families to make choices that keep themselves, friends, and their families as safe as possible. Community transmission is at critical levels in the North Shore, county and state. School community members must continue to make decisions that maximize consistent and correct risk mitigation both inside and outside school. Of greatest importance are to avoid non-essential close contact with non-household members, to avoid non-essential travel, to wear masks, and to practice physical distancing, both indoors and outdoors. These strategies will allow the District to maintain an in-person modality option as much as possible throughout the pandemic. Please see a practical and regularly-updated [COVID risk calculator](#) and decision-making app and the [DHS-designed decision guide](#) as references.

We encourage families to review [new information from the District and the HSHD on Quarantines](#). For more information on COVID-19, visit [District COVID -19 Safety & Communications page](#). Please also review the [FAQ from our Community Health Advisory Committee and the District](#) that addresses holiday travel and gathering recommendations. Thank you again for your ongoing flexibility and understanding as we work through the pandemic as a thoughtful and caring community.

Respectfully,

Dr. John W. Thomsen - Superintendent of Schools