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Township of Franklin School Community,

Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who participated in the recent survey conducted to acquire information in our exploration of the expansion of our Hybrid schedule to 5 days per week. The survey results indicated an overwhelming amount of support for a five days per week schedule. **We are excited to announce that the Hybrid Schedule will move to 5 days per week, single session beginning on Monday, March 22, 2021.**

As we begin to prepare for this transition, we will need some additional information **from the parents/guardians that will opt to switch instructional models (Remote to Hybrid; or Hybrid to Remote)**. This will be the most important part of the transition process, and this data needs to be collected in a timely manner. With that being said, we are asking **ONLY THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS SWITCHING INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS** to fill out an online application (link below) so we can begin to properly prepare for the students return. Parents/guardians of students that are not switching instructional models **DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT THE APPLICATION** and do not need to take any action. The building principals will provide information as it becomes available.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION-midnight March 1st

[LINK TO APPLICATION](#)

Over the next few weeks, all parents/guardians can expect to receive building specific information from your child's principal; however, below is some general information regarding this transition. Parents/guardians should keep the following information in mind...

- **All Hybrid students will attend school 5 days per week beginning Monday, March 22, 2021**
- The daily school times will remain as currently set (single session days) for now. Remember the ultimate goal is 100% of the students attending 100% of the time, but this is a huge step in the right direction
- The use of individual desk dividers will be strictly enforced
- Social distancing in the classrooms and on the buses would continue to be promoted to the extent of our ability; however, it cannot be guaranteed
- Average class sizes are estimated to be between 17 and 22 students but will vary depending on the grade level enrollment and the instructional program
- **Based on the significant number of survey responses indicating an instructional model switch, teacher assignment changes may need to occur as the principals may need to "rebalance" class rosters. Please be assured we will do everything we can to avoid a teacher change.**

- Requests for instructional model changes made after March 22, 2021 will require two weeks notice
- Transportation (bus) ride times will increase, resulting in a change in pick-up and drop-off times. Transportation information will be disseminated the week of March 15th
- The All Remote Instructional option is still available

If you have any general questions regarding the Hybrid schedule adjustment, please send an email to reopening@franklintwpschools.org. For building specific questions, please contact your child's principal. Again, we cannot thank you enough for your cooperation, support, and patience in dealing with this challenging situation. THANK YOU!

Yours in education,



Mr. Troy Walton
Superintendent of Schools