

South Lyon Community Schools

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August 11, 2020

Dear South Lyon Community Families,

South Lyon Community Schools is committed to providing our continued high-quality educational experience for every child in our district. We take seriously our responsibility to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. As such, we are prepared to offer the following options to our families for the 2020-2021 school year, as approved by our Board of Education on August 10, 2020.

Option 1- Temporary Remote Start with Hybrid Transition to In-Person Instruction

All currently enrolled students are placed in this option unless their family decides to enroll in the Virtual Learning Pathway.

During our temporary remote learning start, students will receive live instruction and interaction with their teacher(s) on a daily basis, multiple times per day. Attendance will be taken, feedback will be provided to students, and grades will be assigned following our traditional in-person grading practices.

We are planning to start in the remote learning environment for at least the first four to six weeks of the school year. If possible, we will begin our transition to in-person instruction using a hybrid instructional model sooner, with timely notification to families.

We will be monitoring a variety of factors as we work toward phasing students back in person using a hybrid instructional model. Our approach will be to have approximately 25% of the students in the school returning on any one day, rotating the groups attending in-person instruction over the course of the week. The remaining 75% of students will be learning remotely each day. During the first step of our hybrid phase-in, students who are attending school in-person will be required to wear facial coverings and follow all safety related protocols.

This phase-in process also allows us to maintain the strongly recommended practice of maintaining 6 feet of social distancing in our classrooms, hallways, and cafeterias. The days and hours your child will attend in-person instruction will be shared in the coming weeks as we finalize our enrollment in this option and the Virtual Learning Pathway for the 2020-2021 school year. As our community health conditions improve, the district will move toward having 50% of students attending in-person instruction on a daily basis.

Option 2- Virtual Learning Pathway

The Virtual Learning Pathway is a *full year* shift to virtual learning. As the district transitions to in-person instruction, this pathway will remain virtual. Families should choose this option if they know they need to have their child(ren) learn from home for an extended period of time. **If you would like your child(ren) to be a part of this pathway, you must register your child(ren) by August 14, 2020 using the SLCS Virtual School Enrollment for 2020-21 linked here. ([SLCS Virtual School Enrollment for 2020-21 link](#))**

Families whose conditions change during the school year may move into or out of the Virtual Learning Pathway at the trimester (JK-5th grade) or the semester (Grades 6 and up).

High school families planning to enroll in the Virtual Learning Pathway are invited to attend an informational session related to the specific course offerings available to our high school students. This informational session will be held virtually on Thursday, August 13, 2020. Look for details about the meeting in a Skylert from the high schools.

Upcoming Communications

In the coming weeks, families will receive information about the following:

- Connection information for our online platforms - Seesaw (grades JK-2), Google Classroom (grades 3 and up)
- Technology device distribution information for those families who do not have enough learning-ready devices for remote learning at home (this is for families who choose either option above)
- Detailed daily and weekly schedules for both learning options

As always, the district is committed to providing all students with a high-quality learning experience in whichever option your family chooses. Our administrative team would like to thank families for their patience while we continue to plan for the upcoming school year. In addition, I personally want to thank the numerous administrators and staff members who have been working tirelessly this summer and will continue to do so in preparation for the 2020-21 school year. Your dedication and commitment to the students of SLCS is commendable.

Sincerely,



Steven P. Archibald
Superintendent

Mission Statement

In support of our community, the mission of South Lyon Community Schools is to provide the highest quality educational process, so that all students can excel as individuals, and become productive and contributing members of society.