



School District of Sevastopol

4550 Highway 57 • Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 • 920-743-6282 • Fax: 920-743-4009
www.sevastopol.k12.wi.us

September 18, 2020

Dear Parent(s),

Throughout the summer, a committee met weekly to set up plans for our return to school this fall. The resounding desire within the committee was to be in-person, a sentiment echoed by our parent survey and supported by our school board. We are completing the end of our second full week of 100% in-person learning. During that time, we had four (4) positive Covid cases that touched various levels of our district. These cases represent less than 0.5% of our students and staff. While that number is low, we have realized that the Department of Health guidelines for proximity tracing has affected a broader number despite our concerted efforts.

This is mainly due to the use of a six (6) feet distance regardless of factors like mask wearing or use of Plexiglas shields. The Department of Health recognizes that masking and Plexiglas barriers, which we are using, limits transmission. Unfortunately, these barriers are not factored into the proximity formula. Under these guidelines, we have had 53 students needing to quarantine for the four (4) cases we have had. This is a rate of almost 10% of our student enrollment.

Therefore, our best option is to return to the A/B model – a change approved by the School Board on **Thursday, September 17**. This will allow for greater social distancing by having approximately half as many individuals in a classroom, which should in turn limit the number of students being sent home due to proximity tracing. It will also allow our students to continue with as much in-person learning as possible. It is important that we make this change as quick as possible, so the return to the A/B schedule approved by the board will take effect on **Monday, September 21, 2020** and continue through the end of the first quarter of the first quarter (**October 30**).

We know that this change will affect daycare for many families. We suggest that families with younger children consider finding a high school student that is in the same A or B group. To facilitate teachers preparing lessons for our remote learners, all remote learning will occur on “B” days until/unless they return to be in-person at which time the student would then follow their designated A or B day.

We thank you for your understanding as we navigate this uncharted landscape. As Pioneers, we need to care for one another as we provide the best learning environment and opportunity for everyone. The school board will review the model again in mid-October to determine if it will continue beyond the first quarter.

Yours in Education,

Kyle Luedtke
Superintendent