

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

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District 202 Families and Staff,

I am very happy to share some great news.

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021 the Illinois State Board of Education released [new pandemic guidelines](#) reflecting the recent updated Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

These new guidelines significantly change some of the key guidance or requirements – most especially regarding social distancing -- that have restricted our ability to return more students to more in-person learning.

Based on these revised guidelines and the [results of the 4th Quarter Educational Choice Form](#), **starting on April 7th, District 202 will expand in-person instruction to 5 half-days a week for the rest of the school year. The daily schedule will follow current hours of in-person instruction.**

More details will follow, but here is a general summary and [some key points of this important step](#):

- Classes will no longer be divided into A/B groups
- Students will attend class each school day
- Social distancing will be followed to the largest extent possible
- Students and staff must still wear masks at all times, except for a small number of exempted conditions
- Buses will carry up to 50 students
- Students will not eat lunch at school because of mask, social distancing requirements, and space restrictions

Most families indicated in the 4th Quarter ECF that they wished to return their student for more in-person learning. The final number of students returning for in-person may still depend on available space in a handful of cases, based on the new social distancing guidance. Parents will still be able to opt for remote-only learning for their student.

By the end of March 17th, approximately 72 percent of all District 202 staff will have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine needs about two weeks to fully take effect, which takes us into Spring Break. That is why we are waiting until April 7th to expand in-person learning.


The vaccinations significantly improve our ability to safely return students to the classroom as quickly as possible. We thank our staff for making that choice for themselves, and for our students, schools, and the community.

District 202 plans to return to its traditional schedule of in-person learning on August 18, 2021 for the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming significantly more students back to our buildings. However, it is vitally important that everyone – students, staff, families, and community members – continue to follow all safety protocols as we continue into and through this spring. No one, least of everyone at District 202, wants to see all this progress undone.

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lane Abrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Lane Abrell
Superintendent of Schools