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**Date: July 27, 2020**

**To: Families and Community Members**

**From: Julie Conrad and Steve Emery**

**Re: School Reopening Update**

As we stated last week, we will be sending a weekly memo to all families on Mondays to keep you updated and to gather information from you. The four principles guiding our decisions as we move forward are: creating the best possible conditions to minimize possible exposure of COVID-19; connecting with students; ensuring equity; and improving on lessons learned this past spring.

We also want to acknowledge that we know that the decisions and communications that we share with you each week may create some stress and will most likely create many questions. Every week we will open a survey where you can share concerns or important questions that remain unanswered.

### **Student Placement for Hybrid Model & All Virtual Option**

The FWSU Administrative Team continues to spend a great deal of time discussing how to best group students for in-person instruction during the hybrid model this fall. As we look to make placements for this fall, we have agreed upon the following items:

#### Hybrid Model Placement

- We will begin with an alphabetical split of students.
- Within that, we will prioritize K-12 alignment for families.

#### All Virtual Option

- At this point, the bulk of our planning is focused on the hybrid model. However, we will continue to develop a fully remote schooling option and will soon be asking parents to commit through an upcoming survey if they are interested in enrolling their students in this option.

Student placement is very complex and we recognize that there are many factors in addition to the ones listed above to create a balanced and positive classroom. We also recognize that families may have specific needs that warrant consideration when it comes to placement. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or input. We hope to announce our placements to parents next week.

Barring exceptional circumstances that change a family circumstance, we will not be allowing students to move from one group to another once we start the school year.

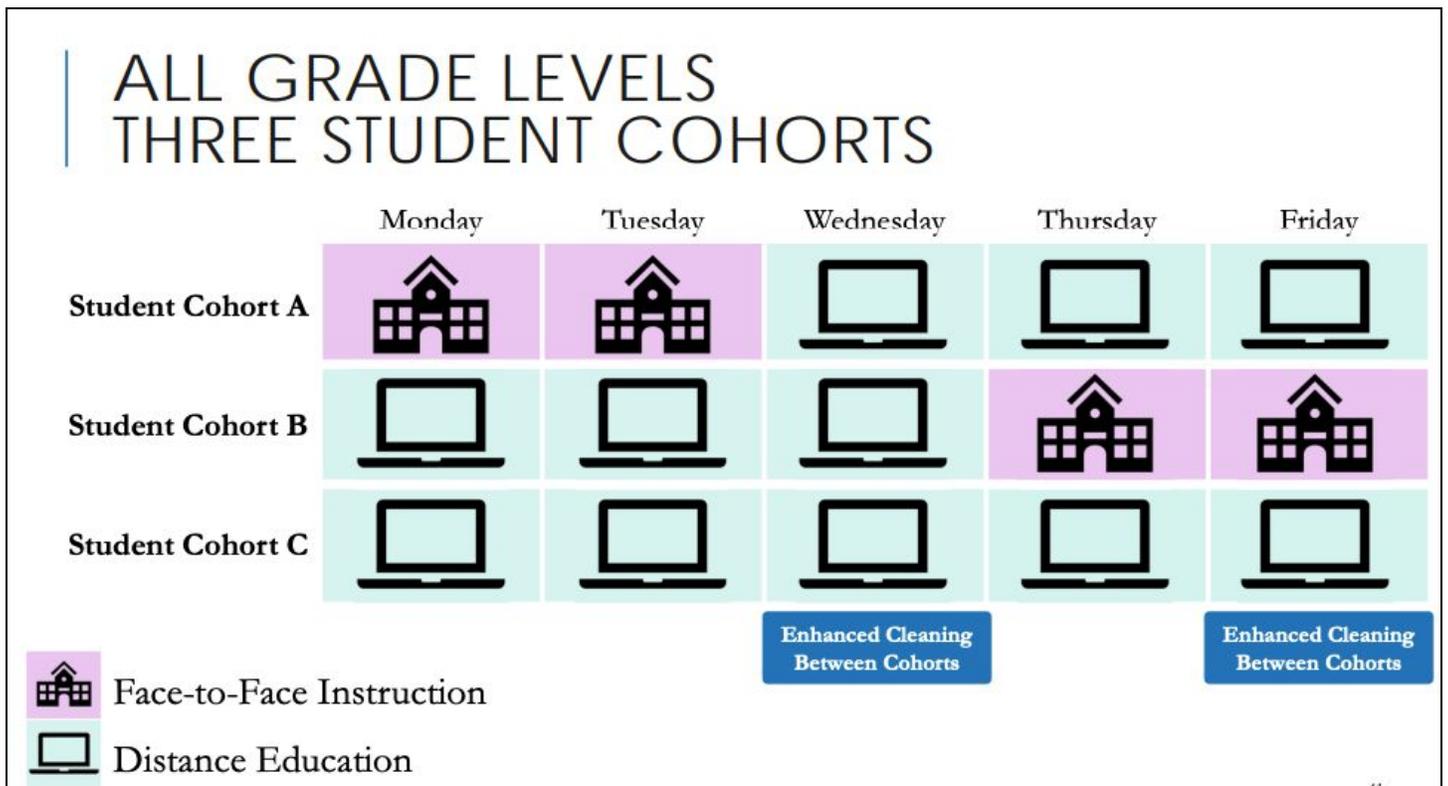
## Hybrid School Structure:

On days students are not in school, students are expected to be working remotely. On Wednesdays, staff will work from home as the building will be deep-cleaned.

Our in-person time with students will be used to develop relationships and build a classroom community, support their social-emotional transition back to school, and develop and practice new routines. The academic goal of our in-person time with students is to set our students up for the learning that we plan for the remote days. As we plan for in-person learning we are considering the following questions:

- What is the best use of time when we are together with our students?
- How can you plan and build supports for your students to independently build on that learning when they are at home?
- What activities can students engage in to prepare for the next time you are together?

Our remote plans will include activities that can be completed with and without technology and are largely asynchronous.



Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate through this unique time. We will continue to provide updates. Again, we know that all of this information is overwhelming and you likely have many questions. Please use [this survey form](#) to share your questions with us.

Respectfully,  
Julie Conrad and Steve Emery