

# CONCORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

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Dear Parents of Kindergarten Students,

We are so excited to bring the Concord Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade students back into the school building for in-person learning with their teachers beginning on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, as the first phase of our transition plan. We will be implementing the Return to Learn Plan that Superintendent Cross has shared and will continue to communicate, with a few adjustments and updates for Prekindergarten and First Grade. However, Kindergarten will look different.

Over the course of the first few weeks of school, we have learned a lot. Thank you for your support and critical feedback. It has helped in our overall success as well as in our planning process as we work to bring back in-person learning. The amount of screen time and assistance students need in order to be successful with remote learning has been challenging for the majority of families with students at this level. As a result, we are making some significant changes.

Our Kindergarten program will be 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday). Half of the day will be in person with a strong focus on Literacy and Math. Science and Social Science will be integrated once or twice a week. The other half of the day will be at home and will include Physical Education, Music, Art, and/or Skills for Learning classes via recorded lessons from those teachers. The at home activities may also include free choice activities involving play, handwriting and/or coloring and cutting activities. We are working to decrease the amount of screen time at the Kindergarten level, and increase direct instruction and guided learning.

Fridays will continue to be remote learning days for all Kindergarten students. Although full remote learning is still an option for parents, at this age level, teachers will have to be primarily focused on the students in the classroom. Fully remote learners will now be attending the entire 2.5 hour session of Kindergarten via live Zoom. Kindergarten teachers will not be sending out prerecorded video lessons Monday through Thursday. We will send out additional information and schedules to the families that choose the full remote option in our next communication.

Due to the social distancing requirements and the limited space in classrooms, Kindergarten students must be split into two groups between morning and afternoon. We will try to accommodate as many

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requests as we can, but please understand that we must work within the space we have to ensure health guidelines are being met. Your flexibility is greatly appreciated. Below is the updated Kindergarten Hybrid Schedule:

Kindergarten Student Schedule (Monday – Thursday)

8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Morning Session (in-person at school) Morning Session (at home)
10:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Travel time and lunch at home
12:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Afternoon Session (in-person at school) Afternoon Session (at home)

To assist us in trying to meet the needs of every student/family, while following the strict IDPH guidelines, please complete and submit this [Kindergarten Survey](#) as soon as possible, but no later than noon (12:00 p.m.) on Friday, September 18, 2020.

Please contact your child(ren)'s teacher if you have any questions about the revised Kindergarten instructional program.

Thank you,

*Laura Anderson*

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Concord Elementary School Principal