

## Hybrid Update

Good afternoon, I hope everyone had a great spring break. I know that as we move back to class and the change to hybrid that there are many questions still out there. For that reason, I wanted to let you know where we are in the planning process.

This week we will be finalizing our Hybrid plan for the state and our cohorts. Thank you to everyone that submitted their surveys - it has allowed us to move forward with 2 cohorts. This model allows students to attend school in person two days each week. **Our hope is that next week you will be receiving information about which cohort your student will be enrolled in and whether they will be coming Mon/Tues or Thurs/Fri.**

Now that we have the general structure locked in we will be reaching out with much more information. Please be on the lookout this week for a video from me explaining the model, the protocols and the safety accommodations.

We have started the conversation with students today in advisory but will be sharing much more in the next three weeks. We will also be having morning meetings for any students that have questions or want to learn more.

For now, we are looking to help students get excited for the coming change. For each group their excitement, and possible anxiety, are centered on different aspects of school. For our 8th graders, it is saying goodbye to middle school and beginning the transition to high school. For our 6th graders, the transition to the middle school building. And our 7th graders are looking to reconnect with friends and build new friendships with the students they have met in their online classes. The growth mindset that we talk about so often will be very important now as we talk to students throughout this change. While reflecting upon our Back to School Night presentation, please:

1. **Acknowledge the Extraordinary.** And the fact that this is not permanent. These are remarkable times ---- and they have already grown so much. This is an opportunity to connect with the school community. Make those connections so that we are ready to begin in the fall.
2. **Expect Trial... and Plenty of Error.** Just like at the beginning of the year, there will be new things to learn. But they have mastered canvas -- they can do it!
3. **No Person Is an Island.** There is a whole team here excited to welcome them and to help them along the way.
4. **Everyone Thinks They Can't—Before They Can. We've got this!**

Thank you for your patience in this process. We will be in touch soon with more details.

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