



HIGHMARK

CHARTER SCHOOL

July 2020

Dear Parents of HighMark,

As you probably know, Governor Gary Herbert issued a directive to resume public school operations for the 2020-21 school year. Each district was asked to submit a reopening plan by August 1. Originally, HighMark planned on a “normal” school opening with required face coverings, enhanced hygiene procedures, and --where possible-- physical distancing. Due to the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in our community and Davis School District’s new re-opening plan, we will implement three plans for you to choose from that fits your family’s needs:

1. In-school learning plan where students will attend four (4) days a week; distance learning on Friday.
2. Hybrid plan where students will attend two (2) days a week and distance learning on two (2) days a week. We will align students with DSD plan: A-K, Mon/Wed; L-Z, Tues/Thurs.
3. Distance learning plan where students are attending classes online through Webex each day.

Fridays will be distance learning for everyone. No one will attend in the building, but could have appointments with teachers/administrators for testing, IEP, etc. All teachers will be in the building that day to assist with distance learning.

Already signed up for distance learning? If you have signed up for distance learning and want to change **or** continue with that, please check the appropriate box on the form.

Our teachers must be healthy to teach. Our students must be healthy to learn. During this pandemic, and in these extraordinary times, we believe it is best to cautiously proceed. Besides the different entities (health department, governor, DSD) that have affected our decision to change our re-opening plan, our objectives are the following:

- Allow teachers and staff to effectively monitor and encourage physical distancing, proper hygiene and use of face coverings.
- Maintain students’ personal relationships with teachers and staff, which we know is an important piece of learning.
- Maintain the traditional feel of school and retain good in-school learning habits.
- Provide social connections and interactions between students, which are essential to a child’s well-being.
- Minimize overall risk until the threat of COVID-19 is reduced.
- Continue to deliver a rigorous curriculum where students will continue to learn and progress in their grade level.

We have attached a link at the bottom of this page that every parent will need to go into and carefully choose the plan for your student(s). You have a choice of the three plans with instructions of how they will work. The link at the bottom of this letter will need to be completed by Aug 4, 2020. If we don't hear from you, then we will put your child in the in-school plan.

We will continue to follow the direction of local health professionals and local governing authorities. Please watch for additional, detailed information from your administration and/or your child's teacher(s). As with any change of this magnitude, we ask for your patience and support as we work to provide a quality education to your child in uniquely challenging circumstances.

Sincerely,

Mary Johnston
Principal