

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

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Friday, October 9, 2020

Dear Worth 127 Families,

It is with a grateful heart I write this letter. I am beyond thankful and so proud of each parent, student, teacher and support staff member that continues to make the best of these unpredictable times. I am thankful for the stories of students making the best of it, learning, collaborating and adapting. I have also heard stories of students struggling in this new way of learning and needing to be back in-person learning.

All of us have heard of other school districts returning to in-person learning while others are remaining fully remote until further notice. Each district has its own unique challenges in returning to in-person learning. The goal of our district is to return to in-person learning as safely as possible by following the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) guidelines. The two main components of the IDPH and ISBE guidelines are wearing a mask and remaining six feet apart as much as possible.

Unfortunately, COVID is not going away anytime soon and we need to find a way to respect the virus and offer in-person learning to better meet the needs of students. As I work with the Worth 127 staff on creating plans for in-person learning, we identified that the only way to keep students six feet apart is by creating two groups of students that will attend on either Group A day or Group B day for approximately 2.5 hours in the morning and then learn remotely in the afternoon. In addition, we need to offer a fully remote option for students needing to remain at home for instruction.

To plan for implementing a hybrid in-person model along with the fully remote option, I need your help in committing to hybrid or remote from November 5 through January 15. Fully remote learning will continue through November 4. Please fill out the Parent Commitment form by the end of the day on Thursday, October 15 for each of your children attending grades 1-8. If you have a child attending Early Childhood, Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, you do not need to fill out the commitment form and you will receive separate communication.

Please click on the following link to fill out the Hybrid / Remote Learning Commitment Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdot0Wb3b-45K1WwZcOMvh1etYWQELsxT8ii3rjQcwC74lkg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark T. Fleming".

Dr. Mark T. Fleming
Superintendent