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Secondary (7-12) Student Families:

After winter break, we will be transitioning to an Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Model for grades 7-12 when conditions require a grade level to be served in the hybrid model. The Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Model will begin on January 4th. The hybrid will be an every-other-day A/B hybrid.

Rationale for the Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Model

- Hybrid at the secondary level has extended beyond what we have expected and could extend even longer;
- Survey results indicate a great deal of variance in at-home activity during hybrid;
- Survey results indicate a desire for more consistency and access to staff when off site/at home;
- Every-day participation in school moves students closer to a regular school year experience, while still allowing for COVID mitigation strategies; and
- Students should have more access to teachers and lessons (content & skills) during hybrid.

What is the Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Model?

- Students in grades 7-12 will be engaged in school every day (M-F).
- Students in grades 7-12 will attend school onsite on their assigned cohort day.
- Students in grades 7-12 will log in to their classes using Google Meet on their off-cohort day. Students will follow their daily schedule online.

For example: *Jenny is assigned to Cohort A. Jenny attends school onsite on Cohort A days. Jenny joins her classes online through Google Meet on Cohort B days.*

Attendance Expectations

- Students are expected to attend school onsite on their assigned cohort day.
- Students are expected to log in to their classes using Google Meet on their off-cohort day. Students should log in at the beginning of each class period and plan to be logged in for the entire class period. However, students may not need to stay logged in online for the entire class period. This will depend on the schedule and instruction for the class that day.
- Teachers will take attendance at the beginning of each class period and will note attendance of students onsite and online.
- Students do not get to choose when they want to attend online. Students are expected to follow the A/B Cohort days for when to be onsite and when to be online. The only exception is for students in quarantine or isolation. If a student is in quarantine or isolation and feels well enough to engage in school, they may attend online and not be counted absent. This does not apply to other absences due to illness.

The Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Model will continue while we are in Hybrid only. Attending classes online through Google Meet will **not** be an option when we return to full Onsite Learning.