



September 8, 2020

Dear Center Cass Parents and Guardians –

The Board of Education officially approved the extended day schedule we shared with you last week. To recap, below is a summary of the extended day schedule which takes effect tomorrow, **Wednesday, September 9**. The schedule is the same for students who have selected in-person or remote learning.

Elizabeth Ide PK/ECE AM 3-year-old students learn in person or remotely from 7:30 - 9:30
Elizabeth Ide PK/ECE PM 4-year-old students learn in person or remotely from 9:55 - 11:55

Elizabeth Ide AM Kindergarten students learn in person or remotely from 7:30 - 10:10
Elizabeth Ide PM Kindergarten students learn in person or remotely from 10:50 - 1:30

Elizabeth Ide First and Second Graders learn in person or remotely from 7:30 - 11:30.
All Elizabeth Ide First and Second Graders learn again remotely from 12:45 - 2:15

Prairieview students learn in person or remotely from 8:30 - 12:00
All Prairieview students learn again remotely from 1:00 - 3:00

Lakeview students learn in person or remotely from 8:00 - 12:40
All Lakeview students learn again remotely from 1:35 - 2:15

In addition, bus schedules were amended, sent out over the weekend, and begin as well on **Wednesday, September 9**. We thank you for your patience as we worked through our Smart Start Schedule for the year. The time to acclimate students, teachers, and employees to a new educational environment was greatly appreciated.

We now look to extend our day further for in-person and remote learners. We will run the schedule above for the foreseeable future. If DuPage County COVID-19 positive case rates decrease significantly or a vaccine is distributed for COVID-19, we may extend the schedule even further to include an in-person lunch. If DuPage County COVID-19 positive case rates increase significantly and other pertinent local and school data show increased risk, the schedule shared above can be used in a full remote situation.

On our weekly call with the DuPage County Health Department, we reviewed County trend data. On the good side, the cases per 100,000 dropped considerably from 95 per 100,000 to 77 per 100,000. Coming off of Labor Day weekend, it is anticipated that the 77 per 100,000 will increase again. The threshold to move the County into the “warning zone” is 100 per 100,000. On the negative side, the County positivity rate increased from 5.1% to 5.5%. The threshold to move the County into the “warning zone” is 8% positivity rate.

What does that mean for Center Cass? Means we keep moving forward with providing in-person and remote learning in our extended day hybrid schedule above. To date, no positive cases have been reported for students and employees. If our students and employees stay healthy, we could have a great month of learning in-person and remote in September.

Have a great evening!

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Wise