



# RTR SCHOOL DISTRICT #2902

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Good Afternoon, Parents!

Last night we held a special school board meeting where we discussed the possibility of bringing our MS/HS students back full-time. Many of you were online for the electronic meeting, which was great!

At the meeting we had a presentation by Carol Biren, SWMHHS, in which she talked about the rise of Coronavirus infection in our District of over 26.0777. Mrs. Biren indicated that we should not change our learning model by moving to in-person at the MS/HS. I am increasingly discouraged at the possibility of ever reaching an inflection point at which we can move to an in-person learning model. Life in our counties just will not allow for these levels of infection to drop down under a 9.00 rate.

Our discussion then turned to the question of how we can bring a large number of our MS/HS students back to school under a Hybrid In-Person Learning Plan. Under this type of plan, we can bring back more students, more often, as long as we follow the guidance of masks, social distancing, 50% bus capacity, and hand washing protocols. I introduced a plan of bringing back 75% of our students and I have also developed a plan of bringing back 80% of our students each day. **Please find attached two PDF files showing both of these plans.**

My preference is the 80% in-school plan with 20% each day at home doing distance learning. In this plan it makes it so easy for parents because one day a week their child will stay home and do distance learning, while the other four days they are in-person at school. We can do this and still keep the proper safety protocols in place. This will give students four days of in-person learning instead of two days under the AB Hybrid Plan.

Our task force is now going to try and investigate the workings of the plan and assign students to each group. We are going to do a parent survey. We are going to make sure our bus plans will work. We are going to take our findings back to the school board on October 14<sup>th</sup> for approval. If the board agrees with our plan, the MS/HS will go to the Hybrid 80% In-Person Learning Plan at the start of the second quarter on 11/3/2020.

Thanks for all of your support for our school,

Sincerely,

David A. Marlette

Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (RTR) Superintendent