February 12, 2021

Dear Urban Families,

As you may already know, we will be pivoting out of the Hybrid Framework at Urban Middle School and combining Cohorts A & B beginning Monday, February 22. During these unique times, our continued focus is to maximize student learning while keeping the health and safety of everyone at the forefront. Whether you currently have Hybrid Learners or Virtual Learners, please note some changes that will be implemented beginning Mon, Feb 22.

Elimination of Cohorts / Maintain Virtual Learning

Beginning Mon, Feb 22, ALL students (virtual and in-person) will be required to attend classes on M, T, R, & F. Nothing changes for virtual students. In-person students will now be attending school 4 days/week. When students are in class virtually, their video camera should be on.

Changing From In-Person to Virtual Learning or Virtual to In-Person Learning

We will continue to allow students to change to an all virtual option at any time. Once a student makes a change to virtual learning, they are committing for the rest of the semester/year. Unfortunately, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to accommodate any requests from virtual learning to in-class learning at this time.

Same Mitigation Procedures

- Masking at all times for everyone in the building and on school grounds.
- Practicing social distancing.
- Staying on the traffic lines in the hallways as we move around the building.
- Students may bring their own lunch or eat school lunch.
  FREE SCHOOL LUNCH TO ALL STUDENTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.
- Sanitizing of desks, instructional materials, and high touch points will occur throughout the day..
- Limited hallway movement during class time.

Classroom Capacity

Masking and spacing students at 6 feet apart (along with other measures) has successfully mitigated the spread of COVID-19 within our building. Bringing both cohorts together while maintaining 6 foot distancing will require some classes to relocate to another space in the building. This is only being done as a last resort as every effort is being made to keep students in the existing classrooms.

Classroom capacities, at 6 foot distancing, vary depending on the size of the room, lab space, equipment, etc. Teachers will prepare their students for any room changes prior to Mon, Feb 22 by utilizing the new spaces next week.

URBAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Same Urban MIddle School Bell Schedule

This is our Bell Schedule for ALL students on M, T, R, & F.
Students will not physically be in our building on Wednesdays.

Buses arrive at 7:40 a.m.
Building opens at 7:35 a.m.

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday				**AA Rotation**
Period 0	7:30 - 8:00	Advisory Teacher Breakfast / Attendance		
Period 1	8:00 - 9:02	62	(+ 10 minutes for breakfast / staggered arrival)	6th AA
Period 2	9:05 - 9:57	52		6th AA
Period 3	10:00 - 10:52	52		7th AA

	6th Grade Rotation	
Period 4	**10:55 -11:25**	**Academic Support**
Period 5	**11:28 - 11:58**	**Lunch**
Period 6	**12:01 - 12:31**	**Advisory/SEL**
	7th Grade Rotation	
Period 4	**10:55 -11:25**	**Lunch**
Period 5	**11:28 - 11:58**	**Advisory/SEL**
Period 6	**12:01 - 12:31**	**Academic Support**
	8th Grade Rotation	
Period 4	**10:55 -11:25**	**Academic Support**
Period 5	**11:28 - 11:58**	**Advisory/SEL**
Period 6	**12:01 - 12:31**	**Lunch**

Period 7	12:34 - 1:26	52		7th AA
Period 8	1:29 - 2:21	52		8th AA
Period 9	2:24 - 3:20	56	(+4 for staggered departure)	8th AA

Same School Open & Close Times

When the school doors open, students will be expected to go directly to class. Students will continue to bring everything in a backpack to their classroom each morning.

- The building will open at 7:40am with classes starting at 8:00am.
- The school day will end at 3:20pm. Students will be able to exit through any door. All students will have to be out of the building by 3:30pm.
- Students waiting for bus pick-up after school will be supervised in Room 125 until the bus arrives at 4:00pm.

Same Attendance Requirements

ALL students are required to attend their classes in-person or virtually on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays. In-person attendance means in-person attendance. Students who have declared that they are an in-person learner, must attend school.

Same Learning Management Systems

Urban Middle School will continue to use the Virtual Learning Hub as we have done since last spring. Teachers will be available on Wednesday for virtual help for ALL students. While office hours will continue, students are encouraged to set up times individually with teachers to meet throughout the day.

Same Temperature/Health Checks

Parents/guardians will be required to ensure they are not sending students to school with a temperature above 100.4 (without medication) and without any symptoms related to COVID-19 or flu. We appreciate all your assistance with this safety measure.

Thank You!

Dr. Ted DiStefano, Principal