



## Detroit Community Schools

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Dear Detroit Community Schools Community,

DCS returned to learning on campus with a hybrid delivery model on March 22. This hybrid plan is face-to-face on-campus learning Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; virtual learning Thursday and Friday. As always, parents have complete control of whether their student will return to the campus or continue to do virtual learning at home. **However, on April 5 when we return from Spring Break, parents will have to decide if their student is on campus or at home for the remainder of the school year.**

What does this mean? If a student attends campus on April 5 they will continue to attend on campus **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until dismissal at 3:30 p.m. until June 23.** If a student attends virtual classes at home on April 5 they will continue to attend virtual classes until June 23. For safety and health reasons, a student cannot switch back and forth from on campus to home after April 5.

Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classrooms to mitigate the movement of students. There is no cafeteria and there is no transportation. The dress code is plain collared shirt of any color and black, navy, or tan uniform pants, and closed toe shoes, No jeans.

Students and staff are required to wear masks at all times. The school is sanitized every hour by custodial staff. There is a sanitation station in every classroom assessable to students. Deep cleaning will happen on Thursday and Friday when all students are attending classes virtually at home.

To additionally address the health concerns expressed by some, we have assigned students to pods where they will remain for the entire day. All of their belongings will remain with them to, again, mitigate unnecessary movement. Desks are 6 feet apart, although the new standard is 3 feet. Temperatures will be checked upon entry. Staff and students should continue to ask themselves the health screening questions before they leave their home and if they are feeling ill should stay home.

As you are aware, on March 9 Governor Whitmer signed Enrolled HR 4048 into law, which outlines how the first round of federal stimulus dollars should be spent by the State, including funding for schools. The law requires students to be offered 20 hours of in-person instruction each week, beginning March 22.



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What are some of things that DCS is going to do with federal stimulus dollars? Update the HVAC system in all buildings, put on new roofs and gutters on all buildings, update the playground equipment, expand the middle school outside area, build a covered walkway between the mods and the high school, enhance educational programming, continue to develop the Business of Sports School (BOSS) and Dr. Rosentraub, from U of M, has agreed to continue to work with us; put the high school radio station on the air by May (with student assistance); develop a pre-manufacturing program.

Detroit Community Schools is on the move to a bright future for your students. Come join us as we continue to provide excellent education to our community.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

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