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Greetings Hickey Families!

As we transition into the second quarter, we are looking forward to offering more options for our Hickey families regarding what works best for their scholars. We will be offering two options: In-Person and Virtual instruction beginning on October 19<sup>th</sup> for our Pre-Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade scholars. Scholars in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade will join us in-person on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

With a return to school for some of our scholars, I would like to share some updates regarding instruction:

1. The Instructional Support Centers (ISCs) will close on October 14, 2020 for all scholars.
2. Parent Informational Meeting: I will be holding an informational meeting for parents regarding shifts in instruction for the second quarter. This will be a virtual meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us via Zoom at: <https://rb.gy/z8vy24>. This link will be available on our website and sent through Class Dojo, as well.
3. No School- Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is a classroom setup day for our staff members to prepare for our scholars who will be joining us in-person.

### **In-Person Updates:**

- School hours will be from 8:05 am to 2:02 pm. To ensure there is enough time to properly clean the building each day, all scholars must be picked up promptly at 2:02 pm.
- All scholars will enter through door 2 in the mornings off of Greer Ave. All families may begin dropping their scholars off at 7:55 am. Scholars who arrive late (After 8:20 am) will be dropped at door 1 outside of the main office.
- Please screen your scholars daily for symptoms of COVID-19. If the scholars are exhibiting any symptoms, please do not send them to school. We will allow them to engage in their classes virtually for the day.

- Scholars will receive an additional screening, including a temperature check, when they arrive to school. In the event that a scholar exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, we will need a family member to pick him or her up immediately. That scholar will be housed in our recovery room to prevent any interactions/contact with scholars until a family member has picked him or her up.
- All scholars must wear a mask covering their noses and mouths throughout the day.
- Scholars should bring their fully charged iPad with them daily.
- All scholars will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms each day.
- Scholars will remain with the same cohort of scholars in their classroom each day.
- Scholars will engage in asynchronous work after 2:00 pm daily.
- Families may begin picking up their scholars at 1:50 pm outside of door 1. Pick-up authorization cards will be issued within the first few days of return to expedite the process of pick-up, and ensure that social distancing protections are in place.
- For any visitor, phone calls or Zoom meetings are preferred. If you must visit the building, a mask and health screening will be required.
- ARCHS will begin their afterschool program on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the main office for more information and to enroll your scholar(s).

### **Virtual Updates:**

Hickey Elementary is pleased to continue virtual learning as an option for scholars, as well. The only change for scholars who are engaging virtually is that an updated instructional schedule will be released shortly that will vary the times that scholars have been accustomed to during the first quarter. As always, scholars are expected to engage in virtual instruction daily.

We have had a wonderful start to the 2020-2021 school year. I commend our staff, scholars, families, and stakeholders for their patience and flexibility as we continue to offer the best instruction possible given the everchanging circumstances of the pandemic. As always, if at any time you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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