

## **District Administration Office**

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Dear District 129 Families,

I appreciate your patience as you awaited the release of our *Return to Learn* plan for fall. Your patience has allowed us to develop a detailed plan for our students that follows state guidance while taking into consideration the unique needs of the community we serve. Thanks to the feedback from our students, teachers, and parents, as well as the hard work of our five task force teams, we are able to share that information with you today. Furthermore, I am confident that it represents the very best approach to support students while maintaining a safe, positive, adaptable, and healthy learning environment.

The information provided below is meant to give an overview of our approach to blended learning while highlighting a virtual learning option designed for families with significant reservations about their children returning to any in-person learning. Over the next few days, we would like for you to carefully review these options with your co-guardian and determine which works best for your child and your family. Please understand that these plans are subject to change and if they do, we will keep you informed of those changes.

Beginning Friday, July 24th, you will have the ability to make your final selection through our Home Access Center. An additional email will be sent to you on that day which outlines the selection process. The selection window will be open for one week, closing Friday, July 31st, at 4 pm.

We recognize that the plan for the coming school year is much different than in years past and that you may have additional questions. In anticipation of some of those questions, we have established a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section, which can be found far below. If your question is not answered in the FAQ section, please submit it to <a href="mailto:questions@sd129.org">questions@sd129.org</a> so that it may be added.

Finally, please note that students who receive specialized services such as those offered at Blackhawk Academy, Hope D. Wall School, and the Early Learning Academy, as well as those who are a part of a self-contained special education program will be contacted personally to discuss the best option for their child.

Thank you for your continued patience, grace, flexibility, and support as we work toward a successful start to the upcoming school year.

Sincerely, Jeff Craig, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools West Aurora School District 129