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Re: Friday In-Person Learning Schedule

Dear Parents and Guardians of Jr/Sr High School Students,

As you may know, we have been looking at plans to increase the amount of in-person learning for as many students at the Jr/Sr High School level as possible. Recently, a committee of parents and teachers met to consider options and to review feedback from parents, students and teachers. As a result, we have developed a plan to rotate Fridays for in-person instruction between Purple and Gold groups. I have attached the Friday schedule. The process and start date are explained below. In addition, I have included a few additional updates that follow.

Friday In-Person Instruction

Friday in-person instruction will begin this Friday, April 23. It will be a Purple Day, periods 1-4. Gold students will participate in periods 1-4 remotely. A schedule for the remainder of the year is attached. Please note that the schedule for Monday through Thursday has *not* changed. Special education students who attend four days per week will continue to attend every day including Fridays. A color copy will be distributed this week to students in homerooms and mailed to households for easy reference.

Synchronous Instruction

Please be reminded that instruction will be delivered synchronously in all classes daily. This means that if a student is not in-person, he/she will be expected to join class remotely according to his/her schedule for the day. The only exception is for PE classes, Science Lab periods, and some Art and Music classes. For those classes, students will continue to follow the direction of their teachers.

Learning Center (for Remote Students)

This week we will be transitioning to include a Learning Center for students who do not have reliable internet access at home on remote days. Students can attend school and participate in live-in instruction from the HS library. If there are available seats in a student's class, he or she will be invited to join that class in-person for the period. Seats are limited in the Learning Center and are available through sign up. If you are interested in a seat for your child in the Learning Center, please contact the HS Office or email Lori Patrick at lpatrick@salemcsd.org.

Return to In-Person PE for grades 9-12

We anticipate a return to in-person Physical Education classes for students in grades 9-12 during the week of April 26th. Students will receive more information through his/her PE teacher and the Guidance Office.

Information for Students and Families

Attached is a Student/Family Tip Sheet and a SchoolTool information sheet. If you need login information for SchoolTool, please contact Laura LeBlanc in the Guidance Office at laleblanc@salemcasd.org.

I know that this year has been very challenging for students and families. Our faculty and staff are here to support students and families during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher directly, Mr. Zarzycki in the Guidance Office or me by email or phone at 518-854-7600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie A. Adams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Julie A. Adams
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