

# MEMO



**To:** Kiefer & AFA Parents  
**From:** Dan Ramos  
**Date:** September 28, 2020  
**Re:** School Information Update

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ever since the decision on Aug. 15 to start the school year with Distance Learning, we have been monitoring our local COVID-19 metrics and evaluating where in-person instruction was most needed in both of our schools.

We have identified those learners that will return to in person instruction. We closely monitor public health and align that with our many communities of students that we serve. This decision is also aligned with guidance from ISBE & assessment of the most at risk for learning loss and support.

## The Academy for Autism

- All students enrolled within AFA will begin in person instruction on Monday, October 19th.

These students will return to the building on an A/B schedule model. Students will be grouped as either Group A or Group B. The A Group will attend school on Monday & Tuesday. The B Group will attend school on Thursday & Friday. Please note that all students will learn from home on Wednesday. This schedule will allow for the maximum amount of time between student groups if there is a positive case within the student population; systematic cleaning; and allow for more personal space while each individual is in the building.

## The Kiefer School

- Students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grade will begin in person instruction on Monday, October 26th.
- Students in a life skills classroom (Ms. Fife & Ms. Hansen classrooms) will begin in person instruction on Monday, November 2nd.

These students will return to the building on an A/B schedule model. Students will be grouped as either Group A or Group B. The A Group will attend school on Monday & Tuesday. The B Group will attend school on Thursday & Friday. Please note that all students will learn from home on Wednesday. This schedule will allow for the maximum amount of time between student groups if there is a positive case within the student population; systematic cleaning; and allow for more personal space while each individual is in the building.

- Students in 7th through 12th grade will continue with remote learning until further notice.**

As soon as a situation develops where we can safely enroll all students to in person instruction, we will reach out to parents again in a letter such as this.

Parents still have a choice on a return to in person or remaining on remote learning. Your child's teacher will be reaching out momentarily to confirm your decision. This is a small step to phase in our students and it will be implemented with the utmost caution. We will continue to monitor our local COVID metrics and work with our community schools.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A GROUP	IN PERSON	IN PERSON	REMOTE	REMOTE	REMOTE
B GROUP	REMOTE	REMOTE	REMOTE	IN PERSON	IN PERSON

Our utmost priority is public health and the safety of all who walk through our doors – students, staff, and visitors. We will also follow up within the next week on school procedures and recommendations for a safe return to school.

## Other Updates:

Progress reports will be mailed out the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that this report is not a final grade, but a snapshot on your student's progress so far this school year.

Yours in Education,  
Kiefer & AFA Administration

