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**COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**

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Dear Canon-McMillan Parents and Guardians:

We hope that this correspondence finds you and your family healthy and safe.

The Canon-McMillan School District Administration and Teachers' Association have been working together to identify the safest approach to reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Given this ever-changing situation, it is important that we have a plan that adheres to the latest state and federal guidelines. Input from over 3000 parent and staff surveys, school directors, administrators and teachers, has made it clear that options for in-school and remote learning meets the community's needs.

After the school district approved its Return to School Health and Safety Plan on June 25, 2020, much has changed. In addition to mandated mitigation from Governor Wolf and increasing COVID-19 cases, the [Pennsylvania Department of Education released new guidance](#) on July 16, 2020 as to a phased reopening. Upon review of this new guidance it was determined that to maximize the safety of our students and staff, the administration will be recommending a hybrid approach of in-person learning coupled with remote instruction. This model allows for greater opportunities for social distancing while also providing instruction in the school. It can be adjusted to include less or more remote learning if conditions in our area, or a school, require it. The District is committed to the return of face-to-face instruction five days a week, but only if the circumstances allow for it. For parents who wish to not have their child in school during the pandemic, a full remote option is also available.

Under this new proposal, parents will select from the following educational options:

**Option 1 - Hybrid Learning:** Students attend in-person school for the entire school day, twice a week and three days of remote/online instruction on the other days of week. These days will be assigned prior to the start of the school year.

**Option 2 - Remote Learning:** Students attend 100% of instruction via remote learning taught by Canon-McMillan teachers and all classes will be with Canon-McMillan students.

All remote learning, either Option 1 or Option 2, will center around our classroom teachers streaming video-based lessons. Whenever a student is learning remotely, they will be able to contribute 'live' to class discussions, ask questions directly to the teacher and contribute to class discussions during the student's assigned class period. Lessons will be recorded and posted for review at a later time if needed.

*The Mission of the Canon-McMillan School District, in partnership with the community, is to invest in our greatest resource, our students. We strive to teach, challenge and support all students to prepare them for college and careers with the information and skills necessary to compete, achieve and serve as leaders in a global economy as ethical and responsible citizens.*

*We are an equal rights and opportunity school district.*



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**Click below to learn more about how we have made enhancements from our spring distance learning:**

K - 4 Students (Google Classroom): [https://youtu.be/m\\_li8JHthhl](https://youtu.be/m_li8JHthhl)

5 - 12 Students (Schoolgy): <https://youtu.be/UhleDIM4WB4>

<b>OPTION 1: HYBRID LEARNING</b>
Students choosing this option will attend school both face-to-face as well as learn remotely. Students will be placed by family, in either Group A or Group B, and attend school based on the schedule below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A	Face to Face Instruction	Remote Instruction	All Students are remotely attending school	Face to Face Instruction	Remote Instruction
Group B	Remote Instruction	Face to Face Instruction		Remote Instruction	Face to Face Instruction

<b>OPTION 2: REMOTE LEARNING</b>
Students choosing this option will attend school 100% remotely from home.
Teachers will be live streaming and providing video based lessons from their actual classroom throughout the school day. Students will log in and watch the live classroom with their face-to-face classmates. Students will be able to ask the teacher questions live and participate in group activities synchronously (live) as well as do assignments via their Google Classroom/Schoolgy platform



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We ask that all parents complete the Program Election Form (for each child in the school district) to select if your child(ren) will be attending school via Option 1 or Option 2 as described above. In addition, we are collecting input on your family's need to utilize the school bus. Transportation poses our greatest challenge with social distancing. At 50% capacity students will be required to wear masks, sit with other members of their households, and in some cases, share a seat with someone outside of their household. If you are able to transport your child to school it will greatly help with distancing on the school bus.

District-issued technology devices once again will be provided by the Canon-McMillan School District for families in need of a device. We ask if you have a PC, laptop, or chromebook that you do not ask to borrow one from the school district.

**Important - All parents must complete this form for each of their children by July 31, 2020:  
Program Election Form Link**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1faznp3VStErlaqwECAE8uddHRnJNQfqBLot0Ur\\_LbFs/e/dit?ts=5f15f79f](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1faznp3VStErlaqwECAE8uddHRnJNQfqBLot0Ur_LbFs/e/dit?ts=5f15f79f)

In an effort to allow ample time for students and families to receive resources and access training materials, the administration is recommending the start of school be moved to August 27, 2020. This will allow for the entire teaching staff to have six days of professional development based on the new model. This will also provide more time for district planning as well as for families to make important decisions regarding their children's educational and health/safety needs.

The revised plan and revised school calendar will be presented to the school board for approval in August. Everyone in the Canon-McMillan education community has a strong desire to get back to a normal delivery of instruction. However, we must deal with the challenge ahead of us first requiring everyone - students, teachers, parents, administrators, and staff - working together to make the best of the situation.

Finally, the District still plans to have student and parent orientations during the week of August 10th for students in grades K, 5, 7 and 9. These orientations will be a combination of virtual in-person sessions at the school. More details will follow directly from your child's building principal.

Sincerely,  
Canon-McMillan School District