

Hello Northview families,

Below is your Monday update for the week of August 3, 2020.

It is no secret that the 2020-2021 school year brings its own unique challenges, but at Northview Public Schools, we are prepared for whatever comes next. The safety and well-being of our school community is and will always be our primary concern and to that end, as our partner in your child's education, we will continue to keep you informed as we plan for the beginning of the school year.

Beginning today (through August 12), students and their families will have the option to choose either online or in-person instruction at all grade levels. Students that elect to enroll in Northview Virtual will have direct access to their Northview teacher through our online learning management program, Canvas. While some course work will be done *asynchronously* – or at the student's own pace with modular learning created by our teachers, other aspects of Northview Virtual will take place *synchronously* – on the same day and time each week with a Northview teacher instructing a classroom virtually.

At the start of the school year, in-person learners will be split into two cohorts: red and white. Red cohorts will be in-person Monday and Tuesday, while white cohorts will be in-school on Thursday and Friday. Thorough building cleanings will be done between cohorts on Wednesday and students will continue their lessons virtually throughout the week.

After our three-week "**Safe Start**" schedule, students that are opting for in-person instruction from grades DK-6 will transition to attending school in-person Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will continue to be a dedicated deep-cleaning day for our buildings, which will allow students to continue to utilize and familiarize themselves with our online learning tool. This learning structure will begin on September 14. Additionally, as we understand the challenges our working parents have faced throughout the COVID pandemic, we are pleased to announce that we are partnering with the YMCA to provide child care on Wednesdays to any DK-6 Northview student. We are grateful to the YMCA for their commitment to our community and our families.

We know that this is a lot to take in as you think about your child's education. As you consider how you would like to proceed, we have developed helpful guides with additional information, which you will find on our return to school webpage. Please visit our website at nvps.net/returntoschool to view these documents as well as a video overview of the NVPS Return to School plan.

After you have reviewed the Return to School website, if you still have questions about the start to school, please let us know using the 'Submit Your Question' button. We will be sharing out responses to the most frequently asked questions via a taped virtual 'panel discussion' on Friday, August 7.

On behalf of our district faculty and staff, thank you for your commitment to Northview Public Schools and for continuing to serve as our partner in your child's education.

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott Korpak
Superintendent

