

Hello Kahok Nation, I'm superintendent Brad Skertich.

This past week, the district welcomed back over 550 students from a Remote Learning Setting to our Hybrid/Blended Learning Setting. We are excited to see more students in our hallways and classrooms.

Throughout the past seven weeks, we have closely monitored district data regarding the health of our students and staff. Specifically, positive COVID-19 cases, close contacts to positive COVID-19 cases and symptomatic individuals.

During this time less than 2% of our staff and 4% of our students have been quarantined. The vast majority have been due to close contacts with a positive COVID-19 case outside of school.

Most importantly, there has been no confirmed transmission of COVID-19 related to student attendance and close contact with other students or staff during the school day. This tells us district

safety measures have proven to be effective with students attending in the Hybrid/Blended setting.

In addition to health data, the district has reviewed student achievement data, family survey information and staff survey information. Collectively, this data reinforces the desire, need and possibility of increasing student attendance in grades K-4 and 5/6 in the weeks ahead.

In anticipation of increasing the number of students learning in-person, the district is reviewing adjustments to bus routes, safety protocols, building logistics and making necessary updates to our Return to Learning Plan. If the student and staff health metrics we monitor continue to support increasing student attendance as we expect, changes to our learning setting for grades K-6 will be announced on Friday, November 6, 2020.

In the meantime, please make sure you are scheduled for P/T Conferences on October 30 and November 2nd. Last, don't forget November 3rd,

Election Day, is a State Holiday, so there is no school on that day. Exercise your right to vote.

Please be safe, wear a mask, wash your hands, and social distance. As we welcome fall temperatures, don't forget to wear your purple and show your Kahok Pride.