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Dear Douglas County School District Families and Staff,

Last night at the DCSD Board of Education meeting, it was decided that our middle and high school students will remain in remote learning for the time being. This will continue to provide some consistency for students and staff while we work to make improvements to our hybrid/in-person learning model.

Over the next couple of weeks, my staff and I will continue to evaluate our organizational readiness to transition middle and high school students back to hybrid/in-person learning (attending classes in-person two days per week).

As part of this, we are looking to implement the following improvements to our hybrid/in-person learning model:

- Provide students with more synchronous “live” instruction when learning remotely.
- Provide students with more timely access to their teachers when they have questions about assignments.
- Allow students to learn alongside their classmates even when learning remotely (for example, when one cohort is learning in-person, the other cohort would also be in class at the same time, but online).
- Reduce class preparation time for teachers (they would no longer be teaching lessons to each cohort separately).

At the next Board meeting on February 2, I will provide an update on our readiness for moving middle and high schools to hybrid, in-person learning two days per week. Our target date for returning middle and high school to hybrid/in-person learning is now Monday, February 8, 2021.

**This information is for DCSD’s neighborhood, district-operated middle and high schools only. Students enrolled in DCSD eLearning will remain in eLearning for the remainder of the school year. If your child attends a DCSD charter school, please check with your child’s school regarding their current learning model.*

I am hosting a series of town hall meetings this afternoon and tomorrow. I encourage you to RSVP and submit your questions and feedback. You may find additional information on our website at www.dcsdk12.org/townhall .

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we navigate educating our students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Corey Wise
Interim Superintendent
Douglas County School District