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Vail School District

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Good Afternoon Bobcat Families,

As we begin to navigate our path of hybrid learning for our Cats, I wanted to be sure to share details of our plan with each of you. I am attaching additional documents containing useful information for your family to use to begin to get a clearer picture of what school will look like on September 21st and the days following until we are able to host 100% of our students for face-to-face learning on our site.

When we began the process of developing our hybrid learning plan, we developed the following value statements to help ensure we made decisions that aligned with our core values.

Those values are to develop a hybrid learning plan that focused on:

Making the safety of our students and staff a priority

Maintaining the ability to deliver high A+ instruction

Creating an environment that strengthens our connections to our Cats and each other

Ultimately, we decided that the block bell schedule was the best bell schedule to utilize to limit student and staff exposure during a school day. We also determined the block bell schedule to be best suited for delivering high-quality instruction during our limited in-person instructional time on site.

In order to create an environment where social distancing can be expected and practiced, we divided our student population in half each day. This reduces our student population on campus from approximately 2000 Cats a day to approximately 1000 Cats a day.

In addition to reducing the number of students on campus each day we also created a second lunch period in our school day. This additional lunch period reduces the number of students in a single lunch period from approximately 1000 students to approximately 500 students in a single lunch period.

Additional outside seating and shade structures were also purchased to help utilize outside spaces and encourage spacing during the school day.

Here are some key points for our hybrid learning plan:

1. Students are divided into two separate groups by last name.



2. The Copper Group is composed of students grades 9-12 with last names beginning with the letters A-K.
3. The Navy Group is composed of students in grades 9-12 with the last names beginning with the letters L-Z.
4. The **Copper Student Group** will: Come onto our campus to attend classes on Monday & Wednesday **AND** attend classes asynchronously from home on Tuesday & Thursday.
5. The **Navy Student Group** will: Attend classes asynchronously from home on Monday and Wednesday **AND** come onto our campus to attend classes on Tuesday and Thursday.
6. On Fridays all students will attend classes asynchronously.
7. All students will be required to wear a mask while on campus.
8. Social distancing practices will be taught, reinforced and expected of all members of Bobcat Nation.
9. Students are expected to follow the bell schedule during asynchronous days.
10. Attendance will be taken each class period of each school day.
11. Grades for assignments will count toward student course grades.
12. Not all classes will meet on campus each day but all classes will have instruction and assignments each day.

I have attached multiple handouts to this email to help paint a clearer picture of what your Bobcat's school day will look like.

Please reach out to me or your Cat's counselor with questions that you may have in regards to our hybrid learning plan.

Thank you for your continued partnership and patience. I am honored to serve you and your family,

Kim Middleton