



November 13, 2020

Dear Parent Community,

The past several weeks have exciting as we welcomed students back into classrooms! Staff have been overwhelmed with happiness to see their students in person. It has been heart-warming seeing the wonder and joy in the eyes of students entering buildings, spending time with their teachers, and seeing friends. Teaching students with disabilities is our passion and it has been wonderful to have the opportunity to have students in person for part of each week.

At the same time, we have continued to watch the COVID-19 numbers in Larimer County closely and they are on the rise, which has become a health and safety concern for the District. There have been some outbreaks identified throughout the District since in-person learning began and we have COVID-19 Response Teams throughout the District trained to quickly identify, contact trace, and report information to the Health Department. As you likely have seen through email today, Poudre School District will move to remote instruction for all students beginning November 23, 2020 through the Winter Break (January 4, 2020). Decisions regarding in-person instruction will be determined in December based on the data related to COVID-19 in Larimer County. Keeping schools open in a healthy and safe manner is challenging right now and we are asking our community to help to keep infection rates low so that in-person learning for our students is possible. We ask that while in the community, you follow and encourage the "3 W's": Wear a mask, Wash hands frequently, and Watch your distance from others. We believe that if everyone will continue to follow this guidance from local, state, and national health experts, in person learning will be possible with fewer time periods requiring us to move to remote instruction.

During our remote learning phase, the Integrated Services teacher and/or team will communicate with you about how services will be provided for your child. The services will address goals and objectives included in your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Please know that services and supports look different for every child and they are based on each student's needs. We are planning to bring a few identified, eligible students into schools for sessions to problem solve any access challenges a student might be experiencing or to receive a boost with instruction. I want to be clear about a couple important things about this work. The Integrated Services team is using rigorous criteria to identify students with disabilities who have been challenged with remote instruction due to their disability. Personal protective equipment will be worn at all times, and other state and local public health guidelines will be followed. If you have questions, your best resource is the Integrated Services teacher and team at your child's school. We are also very happy to help answer questions.

The Poudre School District website has a wealth of information regarding COVID-19 as well as information related to our Learning Phases. COVID-19 information for each school is constantly being updated and can be found at: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/COVID19schoolstatus> PSD protocols for Covid-19



Poudre School District protocols for COVID-19 cases and outbreaks can also be found on the District website:

<https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/psdprotocolsCOVID19>

Following these health protocols and keeping your student home if s/he has any symptoms is another way you can support our ability to offer in-person learning for our students.

I would like you to know how thankful we are for your partnership in Educating Every Child...Every Day. We know that this is a challenging time for parents and appreciate your ongoing support, collaboration and partnership. Your child is of the utmost importance to us and we are here to assist any way that we can. Specific information related to students with disabilities in Poudre School District and Integrated Services can be found on the District website at: <https://www.psdschools.org/psd2020-21/supportingstudentswithdisabilities>

On behalf of Poudre School District's Integrated Services team, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. My hope is that this finds you safe and healthy.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Belleau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Sarah Belleau
Director of Integrated Services
Poudre School District