

**PROPOSED LEARNING OPTIONS FOR THE
2020-21 START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
REVISED AND BOARD APPROVED
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USD 244 WILL OFFER TWO DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING.

ON-SITE LEARNING—THIS WILL LOOK LIKE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL FROM 7:55 AM-3:10 PM. WE WILL HAVE HEALTH/SAFETY GUIDELINES IN PLACE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF.

REMOTE (ONLINE) LEARNING—THIS WILL CONSIST NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS FROM 7:55 AM-3:10 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. STUDENTS WILL HAVE A DEVICE (WINDOWS LAPTOP OR IPAD DEPENDING UPON THE GRADE LEVEL) TO ACCESS CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FROM A USD 244 TEACHER DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS. FAMILIES CHOOSING THIS OPTION NEED TO HAVE AN INTERNET CONNECTION. STUDENTS AT BHS AND BMS WILL FOLLOW THEIR NORMAL CLASS SCHEDULE ACCESSING REMOTELY INSTEAD OF IN-PERSON. BES STUDENTS WILL BE CONNECTED WITH THEIR GRADE LEVEL TEACHER AND THE VARIOUS SPECIAL CLASSES THEY HAVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN. STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN CLASS LIKE THEY WOULD IF THERE WERE ON-SITE IN THE BUILDING. CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, TESTS, PROJECTS, ETC. WILL BE TURNED IN AND GRADED. SOME MODIFICATIONS MAY NEED TO OCCUR IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ELECTIVE CLASSES AT BMS AND BHS, OR SPECIAL CLASSES AT BES. THE PLATFORMS USED ARE LISTED BELOW:

GRADES K-4—SHOWBIE

GRADES 5-12—MICROSOFT TEAMS

NOTE—REMOTE (ONLINE) LEARNERS MUST HAVE INTERNET ACCESS. USD 244 IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNET ACCESS. USD 244 WILL TRY TO HELP FAMILIES GET INTERNET ACCESS, BUT WE CAN'T GUARANTEE THIS SERVICE.

BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO START THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS:

- THE KIDS WILL ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEARNING EACH DAY.
- KIDS WILL HAVE A TEACHER AND CLASSMATES LIKE NORMAL.
- BOTH OF THE REMOTE (ONLINE) PLATFORMS BEING USED WILL TRANSFER TO BLENDED LEARNING IF WE HAVE TO EDUCATE KIDS IN A BLENDED MODEL (PART TIME IN BUILDINGS AND PART TIME AT HOME) OR PURELY REMOTE (ONLINE) MODEL.
- MOST ALL OF OUR STAFF HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH SHOWBIE AND MICROSOFT TEAMS.

STUDENTS DOING REMOTE (ONLINE) LEARNING DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXTRA OR INTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES UNLESS THERE ARE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED.

STUDENTS CHOOSING A MODEL WILL NEED TO REMAIN IN THAT MODEL UNTIL THE SEMESTER IS OVER UNLESS THERE ARE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED.