

WHITNALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 11, 2020

Hello, Whitnall Families:

We would like to provide you with an update on our reopening plan. We continue to add more detail to the plan as more information is gathered. Last night, we had a board workshop, which was recorded, and the full video is linked below. A final decision for either Model A or Model B will be made on August 17.

At the workshop, the district leadership team presented the board with four options for delivering distance learning within Model A (in-person). The full presentation is linked below. Within the presentation, we recommended a combination of the four distance learning options based upon grade level. This recommendation was the result of reviewing local health data, staff surveys, recent parent commitments, and costs. The board agreed to further develop this recommendation for Model A. Here is a recap:

Model A (In Person with Distance Learning Option):

- Students *in person* will follow precautionary measures, encouraging cohort grouping of students, and limiting movement where possible.
- Students *in distance learning* will have the following structures:

Grades K4-5	Options 2 & 3: Reassign Whitnall teachers to distance sections and hire new teachers for distance learning when necessary
Grades 6-8	Option 3: Reassign Whitnall teachers to distance sections
Grades 9-12	Options 1 & 4: Outsource courses and instruction for most, while considering opportunities for distance learners to virtually participate in in-person classes at Whitnall

We want to clarify that the board decision on August 17 is deciding between Model A (in-person with distance learning option) and Model B (fully virtual for all students). The board will take action on the scheduled board meeting at 6:30 PM. We will communicate this decision to all Whitnall families the night of. If the decision is for Model A and you would like to change your previous choice of in person or distance learning, we will be sending out a survey in which you can request a change. Your request will be placed on a wait list, which will be established at each grade. Ability to change will depend on the numbers at your child's grade. As we have communicated, if your family did not complete the commitment that was due on August 6, your family is now considered in person.

All families will be able to view the instructional delivery option selected on Thursday August 14. To view the instructional delivery model selected for each child follow the steps below:

1. Log into Infinite Campus, or click [here](#),
2. Click *More* on the left,
3. Select the *Instructional Delivery* Options link to view your each child's instructional delivery option
Model A IP: In-Person Learning
Model A DL: Distance Learning

Please continue to use the reopen2020@whitnall.com email for individual questions. If you would like to submit a public comment to the board for the August 17 meeting, you can email your comment to kpoos@whitnall.com before 5 PM that day.

[Here](#) is the video of the board workshop, and [here](#) is the presentation. We encourage you to view these for more details and further explanation! Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and involvement!