

November 19, 2020

Dear EPS Parents and Guardians,

After careful consideration, the district has chosen to remain with its plan and return to the A/B schedule on November 30.

As I stated in my Nov. 13 email, one of the reasons we abruptly moved to remote learning was because of our depleted staff, which made it difficult to provide adequate instruction and supervision. A week of remote learning, followed by a week off for Thanksgiving, means that most of the individuals in our district who have been affected by Covid-19 will be cleared from isolation or quarantine and able to safely return to school. For that reason, we will resume the A/B schedule on Monday, November 30. Students on schedule A should return to school on Monday, Nov. 30. Students on schedule B should return to in-person instruction on Thursday, Dec. 3. If you have questions about assignments or remote instruction, please reach out to your child's teacher. It is important to stay current with lessons and not fall behind as we approach the end of the semester.

We are well aware that there will likely be a spike in cases and resulting quarantines in the weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday. We will, of course, be carefully watching the local, and state data and could make adjustments to our plan if necessary. I sincerely hope that we are able to finish out the semester on our A/B schedule, but as I said back in August; if this pandemic has taught us anything, it has taught us that we must be flexible and adaptable in the midst of uncertainty.

I want to stress the importance of keeping your children home from school if they are showing any signs of Covid-19. Also, if they have symptoms and are awaiting a test result, please do not

send them to school until you receive the results of the test. All of us need to do our part to stop the further spread of the virus.

Thank you for your continued support of Edmond Public Schools. Until my next communication, take care of yourself and your families.

Bret Towne