

LAKE VILLA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #41

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TO: District #41 Families and Staff

FROM: Matthew Crowley, Director of Special Education

RE: Early Childhood and Pre-K Programming for the Return to School Plan 2020-2021

Date: 07/24/2020

Prior to explaining where the district is in terms of planning for an on-site return for our Early Childhood and Pre-K students, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Matthew Crowley and I am the new Director of Special Education at Lake Villa School District #41. Since beginning in this role on July 1, 2020, I have been working to create a same learning environment for all students and staff as we plan to return students to on-site instruction. I apologize for the late release of our initial plan for students in our Early Childhood and Pre-K programs, however, much thought and consideration has been put into this to ensure the safety of all students.

At this time, our plan is to return each group to on-site instruction for two days a week while utilizing remote learning for the other three days in the week. Our programs will continue to operate out of William L. Thompson and Olive C. Martin Elementary Schools. Students were separated into morning and afternoon sessions in previous years and we will continue to utilize two different groups at each building. Students who were assigned to morning sessions will attend on-site instruction on Monday and Tuesday, while utilizing remote learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Students who were assigned to afternoon sessions will utilize remote learning on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, while attending on-site instruction on Thursday and Friday. All on-site instruction will be conducted from 8:20am to 11:00am at both buildings.

More detailed plans are in the works to provide families and staff with guidelines relating to both on-site and remote learning instruction following planning meetings with building administration and program staff. If we need to shift to completely utilizing remote learning, further guidance/information will be provided at that time.

I hope that this general framework gives each of you more clarification in order to indicate your decision regarding your choice for your child about the upcoming school year.

Best Regards,



Matthew Crowley

Director of Special Education