



August 25, 2020

Dear Center Cass Parents and Guardians –

Happy Tuesday!

Let me start by saying how proud I am of your children! When students are inside the school buildings, they have been following the rules, maintaining distance, wearing their mask, washing hands/sanitizing, and learning. When students have been at home learning on-line, they have been attentive, on-time, and following along with their classmates. Kudos to them!

I also appreciate your cooperation with temp checks in the morning, longer than usual pick up/drop off procedures, bringing students to school to meet bus limitations, and working through tech glitches from time to time with our remote learners.

The last few days, I have been pleased with the progress students and teachers are making. From my lens, employees and kids are adjusting better than expected, however, I want to know what you see from your lens. Attached is a brief survey I would like for you to complete. Please do so by 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 27. Results will be posted on the website the following week. We will use the results to improve our educational system.

No matter how well kids and adults are adjusting to safety protocols at Center Cass, if county numbers continue to rise, we will not be able to expand to a full day in person model.

The DuPage County Health Department will release metrics next week, which will advise schools whether the Health Department believes we are good with in-person learning for all, a blended model of in-person/remote learning (which we are), or a full remote model.

Unfortunately, DuPage County has seen two weeks of increased COVID-19 cases, and as a result, the county is advising schools not to take on any more risk until numbers decrease. Thus, for now, we will continue our half day in-person model until further notice. Meaning, plan on September 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 as half days, following the same schedule as today.

More information will be released next week after my Monday call with the DuPage County Health Department. If numbers increase dramatically in DuPage or surrounding counties, the county could recommend all schools move 100% remote after Labor Day. We will be prepared.

Don't forget to complete the [AUP Survey](#) and [Back to School Survey](#) by Thursday. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher or principal regarding their learning. We are all in this together.

Educationally Yours,

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