



Welcome Back Sawyers (again),

I am thrilled to announce our transition to hybrid learning (which included both in-person and remote-learning) on Monday, October 5 ([Click here for Reopening Plan](#)). I'd like to thank our entire staff for their amazing efforts in preparing our students and our buildings for a safe return. Our community's participation in both our reopening task force and our virtual town hall meetings provided the District with valuable insight, and we have made changes to our protocols and reopening plans based on this feedback.

What will my child's schedule be like?

All of our students have been broken into two cohorts, alphabetically by last name. There may be some modifications to the assignments as our goal is that children in the same household with different surnames are assigned the same cohort. Their building principals will notify these families.

- Cohort 1 will consist of students with last names beginning with the letters A-K.
- Cohort 2 will consist of students with last names beginning with the letters L-Z.

HYBRID STUDENTS	In-Person Learning	Virtual Learning	Remote Learning
Last Names A-K	Mon. & Thurs.	Tues. & Fri.	Wednesday
Last Name L-Z	Tues. & Fri.	Mon. & Thurs.	Wednesday

The time on Wednesday will be 100 percent remote for ALL students. These days will provide teachers with flexibility for whole class instruction, dedicated time to re-teaching and provide enrichment, and additional opportunities for direct instruction in specific grades and/or courses.

For families who have chosen to have their child continue to be educated 100 percent remotely, your child will stay with their assigned cohort throughout the process. On the days the hybrid-learning children in your cohort are in school, your child will receive their instruction through various means (flipped classroom, instructional video, Google Meets, live stream, etc.). Teachers will provide these instructions directly to their all-remote students.

If at any point you would like to change the learning model in which your child currently participates, you will be permitted to do so. Directions to request 100 percent remote learning are available on our website. Please be sure to discuss any changes with your child's teacher, as well as their building administrator. ([Click here for directions to request 100% Remote](#)).

Our staff is here to help and we encourage everyone to continue keeping the lines of communication open during the days and weeks ahead. We understand that you may have questions and concerns regarding the health and safety of your child as they prepare to return to in-person learning. Please be assured that we are taking extensive precautions. More information about our new safety protocols will be forthcoming.

I would like to thank you all for your support and patience during these unprecedented times in education and in our society. Saugerties is a strong community because of its ability to work together and find a common vision. Our vision right now is to use all of our gifts to come together to provide the safest and best academic environment for our students to reach their goals.

Please be safe and be kind to one another.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt
Superintendent of Schools