

Good afternoon,

Whiteside School District continues to work to build the best learning situation due to the current COVID pandemic in our community. At last night's Board of Education meeting, District 115 approved an addendum to the current hybrid/full remote learning model. This addendum will take our hybrid students along with our full remote students and blend them together during the school day.

In other words, while Group A is in-person receiving instruction Group B and the Full Remote Students will Google Meet into classrooms that are being taught with students in-person. This will allow all students to be taught as one group and allow for more instructional time. It should also decrease educational curriculum gaps between these three groups of learners.

The middle school will be following its regular master schedule during the abbreviated 8:00 - 12:30 timeframe. While the elementary school will be coordinating daily grade level schedules for students between 8:00 - 12:45. The district will be publishing these schedules with parents as soon as they have been updated and are complete.

We understand that this change may cause issues for your student due to daycare. In the event a student misses a scheduled Google Meet, teachers will have the ability to post or share the video for the day. We are encouraging all students to attend the Google Meet at the scheduled time for the best possible learning experience.

We all agree that this is not the best situation, I hope everyone understands that Whiteside School District along with our faculty and staff are working to increase instruction and still provide a quality education due to the current pandemic. Please review the attached document for information pertaining to the blended hybrid/full remote model as well as how the District's Student-Parent Handbook will apply to the blended hybrid/remote learning model.

Respectfully,

Mark Heuring