



Central Administrative Services

1000 North Walnut – Colfax, Iowa 50054

CMCSD Parents/Guardians and Students,

We have two important items to share and/or remind you about. The first is a schedule change for our Wednesday late starts. The second is about our Hybrid plan.

WEDNESDAY LATE STARTS

Based on survey data from our entire staff, I brought a recommendation to the Board to change our 90-min late start each week to a 3-hr late start, beginning the week of Sept 28. This three hours would allow teachers more time to contact and support our distance learners. At the Sept 24 special Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to create 3-hour late starts for Wednesday's on Sept 30, Oct 7, Oct 14, and Oct 21. The Board will discuss the need to continue, extend, or eliminate these 3-hour late starts at the regular Board meeting on Oct 19.

The Board is aware of the additional burden this decision could place on our community members. To support this burden, we will keep bus times the same on Wednesday's. We will support our bus riders and students that walk to school for that extra 90 minutes. Breakfast would continue on Wednesday's as well. We do ask that when possible, students wait until 11 am to arrive at school. If that is not possible, we understand and will support and supervise the students at school. What this means is that these 3-hour late starts could have no impact on you as a family if you choose, while having a significant positive impact for our teachers.

One of the most notable concerns right now from our teachers is our distance learners. Our distance learners have struggled to get started this year and some have not yet engaged in schooling. Parents/guardians, you could help out considerably by reinforcing with your distance learners the importance of staying in contact with their teachers and staying caught up on their learning opportunities.

HYBRID PLAN REMINDER

As the [14-day positivity rates in Jasper County](#) have been rising recently (currently at 11.6%), reminder that our Return to Learn plans included:

- if the 14-day positivity average is between 14%-20%, **we will immediately move to our Hybrid model for a two-week period.**
- Our Hybrid model has students attending every other day.
- Split students into two groups, with the first day of hybrid being BLUE group:
 - **Blue Group:** students with parent/guardian last names A-L
 - **Orange Group:** students with parent/guardian last names M-Z.
- Alternate days of attendance for Blue/Orange over two-week period.
- When not in attendance on-site, students participate in distance learning.

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Thank you for your flexibility during this difficult, unprecedented time in education. As always, we will work through this together, as families do.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed.

Take care and be safe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik Anderson".

Erik Anderson

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