

# WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS UPDATE

September 10, 2020

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# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Health and safety of our students and staff
- ▶ Fair and equitable access to high-quality instructional programming for all students

# CURRENT SITUATION

- ▶ Promises were made to the community that cannot be met
- ▶ The current plan for the community cannot be implemented
- ▶ Imperative to make changes immediately to ensure all students receive quality instruction

# VALUES

- ▶ We value:
  - ▶ Equitable education for ALL students
  - ▶ High-quality instruction with Williamsville teachers
  - ▶ Consistent connection for each student with his or her school community five days a week
  - ▶ Access to all of our programming for all of our students

*“We need to take a step back in order to move two steps forward.”*

# INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

- ▶ Elementary School
  - ▶ K-4 model remains the same for both hybrid and fully remote online learning
- ▶ District self-contained classes
  - ▶ 8:1, 12:1, 15:1
  - ▶ In-person instruction five days a week

# NEW INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

- ▶ Middle School and High School (5-12)

**TEMPORARY  
FULLY REMOTE  
ONLINE LEARNING**

# STRENGTHS OF NEW MODEL

- ▶ All students will learn with existing high-quality Williamsville teachers from their schools
- ▶ All students will be able to have the same rich opportunities to participate in all courses
  - ▶ Electives
  - ▶ Accelerated Classes
  - ▶ SUPA Programs
  - ▶ Advanced Placement
  - ▶ Project Lead the Way
  - ▶ Academic Supports



# STRENGTHS OF NEW MODEL

- ▶ This model provides fully synchronous, high-quality instruction for five days
- ▶ Current calendar allows for 180 days of instruction
- ▶ Seamless transition in case NYS directs districts to close

# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ We are committed to bringing students back in building when we can provide the same level of full programming while meeting the regulations set by the State
  - ▶ Target date: November 16, 2020 (Grades 5-6)
  - ▶ Target date: January 4, 2021 (Grades 7-12)
- ▶ Community updates on bringing students back into the building

# WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS TRANSITION PLAN

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# TRANSITION PLAN

- ▶ Hybrid instruction will continue through Monday, September 14, 2020
- ▶ Fully remote model will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2020

# TRANSITION PLAN

- ▶ Students in grades 5-12 who had chosen 100% remote model should:
  - ▶ Check their schedule in WITS
  - ▶ Go to each teacher's landing page
  - ▶ Be ready to attend virtual classes on Tuesday, September 15, 2020

# TRANSITION PLAN

- ▶ Teachers will:
  - ▶ Spend Friday, September 11, 2020 and Monday, September 14, 2020, enrolling students in Google Classroom and preparing to transition students into the class
  - ▶ Please contact your building principal if you need assistance

# SUMMARY

- ▶ This 5-12 instructional model change was not an easy one to make
- ▶ This is an equitable model that provides a high-quality Williamsville education for all of our middle and high school students
- ▶ This is the first step for our students and school community to unify and move forward together

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