

December 14, 2020

Liberty Parents,

There will be a lot more information coming your way regarding changes that will be made *if* or *when* we return to hybrid in-person learning.

**Some important information you will need to make sense of the upcoming changes:**

- Students will return to Comprehensive Virtual Distance Learning on Monday, January 4th, 2021
- They will be on the same schedule and have the same teacher they had before Winter Break.
- On Monday, January 4th, our district will look at the county metrics to determine if we are able to return to in-school.

**If we do NOT meet the metrics** to return to in-school, we will continue with the same schedule and be with the same teacher we have been with all year. The metrics will be checked on a consistent basis to determine if or when we will be able to begin hybrid in-person learning.

**If we MEET the metrics** to return to school a date will be set for that to happen. This will not be an immediate change, but will likely fall within a week. On the designated date we will begin in-building hybrid learning. On that date the following changes will begin:

- Your child will be part of an **AM cohort** or a **PM cohort**.
- Our bell schedule will change for all students virtual and in-person.
- Our **AM cohorts will run from 9:10-12:10**. Our **PM cohorts will run from 1:00-4:00**.

Your student(s) teacher will be contacting you this week (Dec 14-18th) to let you know what changes there will be for your student(s) if or when we meet metrics to return to in-building hybrid learning.

This has been an extremely difficult and time consuming process. Please keep in mind there are countless factors that go into the placement and cohorts and these cannot be changed to suit preferences.

We are bound by COVID safety precautions, square footage allotments, transportation necessities, virtual or hybrid teaching assignments, family and sibling placement, and several other factors that must be considered.

Please recognize that your student's teacher, who will be contacting you, was not able to be involved in the decision making process that went into placing students.

If you have any questions please email our principal, Bob Daugherty at [bob.daugherty@albany.k12.or.us](mailto:bob.daugherty@albany.k12.or.us)

Thank you,  
Liberty Elementary