



August 14, 2020

Prairie Families and Staff,

The recent weather events in our area have wide-sweeping effects on our community and families in an already challenging time. The impact of this storm on our families and community are heartbreaking and recovery will be difficult for many.

While we did receive damage on campus, we are lucky that the storms did not cause substantial or structural damage to our buildings. However, the subsequent power loss and disruption to regular district operations comes at a critical time in the weeks leading up to the start of school. In addition to the extra needed work to address storm damage, the power outage has impacted construction timelines, critical teacher training, contracted services and stored food on campus. For our families still without power or the ability to repair damage, the close approach of the school year adds extra stress.

Due to the nature of this year with the extra care and attention required to bring students back in a pandemic, we have arrived at the necessity to delay the start of school by **one week**. This difficult decision is based on the impact of this latest storm on critical human and material resources in our schools and greater community. Additionally, these storms greatly impact the additional time and focus needed to gear up for what will already be an unusual and challenging year.

**The NEW first day of school for the 20-21 school year will be August 31.**

To continue to have a soft-start to the year as we implement new procedures for COVID-19, we will still begin the first three weeks in a hybrid model. All students will attend in the hybrid model until September 22 and students in grades 7-12 will continue in the hybrid model for an additional three weeks until at least October 12. With all of the new dates, processes and programs, we have developed a CRITICAL DISTRICT DATE CHANGES document as a reference for families and staff.

We apologize for the impacts of these ongoing changes as we respond to events beyond our control. We will continue to communicate in the clearest way possible in these difficult circumstances. Our thoughts continue to be with our staff, families and communities impacted by the recent storm.

In Service,  
Doug Wheeler, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

[LINK TO CRITICAL DISTRICT DATE CHANGES DOCUMENT](#)

[LINK TO UPDATED HYBRID LEARNING SCHEDULE](#)

## UPDATED HYBRID LEARNING SCHEDULE

August 14, 2020

WEEKS 1-3  
Students ALL K-12

| WEEK 1 | MONDAY<br>August 31        | TUESDAY<br>September 1     | WEDNESDAY<br>September 2   | THURSDAY<br>September 3    | FRIDAY<br>September 4      |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|        | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> |

| WEEK 2 | MONDAY<br>September 7   | TUESDAY<br>September 8     | WEDNESDAY<br>September 9   | THURSDAY<br>September 10   | FRIDAY<br>September 11     |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|        | LABOR DAY<br>NO CLASSES | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> |

| WEEK 3 | MONDAY<br>September 14     | TUESDAY<br>September 15    | WEDNESDAY<br>September 16  | THURSDAY<br>September 17   | FRIDAY<br>September 18     |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|        | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort A</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> | <i>Hybrid<br/>Cohort B</i> |

**\*\*Decision to transition to full Onsite Instruction for elementary (Pk-6) on Tuesday, September 22 will be announced by Friday, September 11**



## Critical Date Changes 2020 - 2021 School Year

*Timelines for the following have been modified due to the NEW start date of August 31, 2020*

| School Calendar Changes            |   |   |  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Event                              | Original Date   | NEW Date  | Notes/Comments   |
| First Day of School For Students   | August 24   | August 31   | <p><b>Make-up Days</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>December 7</b> - Professional Learning Day - Changed to Student Contact Day</li> <li>● <b>April 19</b> - Professional Learning Day - Changed to Student Contact Day</li> <li>● <b>June 2</b> - Scheduled Calendar Make-up Day</li> <li>● <b>June 3</b> - Scheduled Calendar Make-up Day</li> <li>● <b>June 4</b> - Scheduled Calendar Make-up Day</li> </ul> <p><i>Due to ongoing uncertainty with COVID-19, and current requirements for hours, we are planning to make-up these days. We may need additional days to respond to school conditions related to the pandemic</i></p> |
| Last Day of School For Students    | June 1  | June 4  |  |
| NO SCHOOL DAYS                     | Dec. 7 & April 19   | N/A   | <b>Changed to student contact days</b>   |
| First Day for Preschool            | August 31   | September 8   |  |
| Staff Work Days                    |   |   |  |
| Event                              | Original Date   | NEW Date  | Notes/Comments   |
| New Teacher Orientation Days 2,3,4 | 8/11, 8/12, 8/13<br>(8/14 half-day for special education teachers only) | 8/18, 8/19, 8/20<br>(8/21 half-day for special education teachers only) | Day 1 - completed Monday 8/10  |
| Teacher Workshop Week              | 8/17-8/21   | 8/24-8/28   | All daily schedules moved forward one week   |

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|---|--|--|---|
| Teacher Professional Learning Days                    | Dec. 7 & April 19  | N/A  | Changed to student contact days   |
| Last Contract Day for Teachers (teacher clerical day) | June 2   | June 7   | Pending additional weather or no school days, this day will move to remain the first full week day after the last student contact day |
| Teacher Leader Workdays for 8/11-814                  | District Contract Days 8/11, 8/12, 8/13<br>Option for Building Contract Day 8/14 | District Contract Days 8/18, 8/19, 8/20<br>Option for Building Contract Day 8/21 | UPDATED <a href="#">2020 Coach/Facilitator TLS Extended Contract Dates</a>  |
| Building Facilitator District Meeting                 | 8/11, 8/13 (afternoon)   | 8/18, 8/20 (afternoon)   |   |
| Paraprofessional Workshop Reporting Days              | Aug 18 and 19  | Aug 25 and 26  |   |

### Preschool & Early Childhood Center (ECC)

| Event  | Original Date        | NEW Date               | Notes/Comments   |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Preschool Staff Training and Professional Learning | 8/24 - 8/28          | 8/31-9/4               |  |
| ECC Shutdown Week                                  | 8/17 - 8/21          | 8/17 - 8/21            | No date change for ECC Shutdown Week. ECC will be open for care 8.24 - 8.28. |
| Hybrid Cohort A Dates (Preschool)                  | 8/31, 9/1, 9/8, 9/9  | 9/8, 9/9, 9/14, 9/15   |  |
| Hybrid Cohort B Dates (Preschool)                  | 9/3, 9/4, 9/10, 9/11 | 9/10, 9/11, 9/17, 9/18 |  |

### Elementary Schools (K-6)

| Event                  | Original Date                           | NEW Date                                | Notes/Comments   |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| Hybrid Cohort A Dates  | 8/24 - 8/26<br>8/31 - 9/1<br>9/8 - 9/9  | 8/31 - 9/2<br>9/8 - 9/9<br>9/14 - 9/15  |  |
| Hybrid Cohort B Dates  | 8/27 - 8/28<br>9/2 - 9/4<br>9/10 - 9/11 | 9/3 - 9/4<br>9/10 - 9/11<br>9/16 - 9/18 |  |
| Cohort B Device Pickup |   | 8/27<br>10am-6pm                        | All students can stop at their building to pick up their device. |

### Secondary Schools (7-12)

| Event                 | Original Date | NEW Date   | Notes/Comments |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| Hybrid Cohort A Dates | 8/24 - 8/26   | 8/31 - 9/2 |                |

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|------------------------|---|---|---|
|                        | 8/31 - 9/1<br>9/8 - 9/9                 | 9/8 - 9/9<br>9/14 - 9/15                |   |
| Hybrid Cohort B Dates  | 8/27 - 8/28<br>9/2 - 9/4<br>9/10 - 9/11 | 9/3 - 9/4<br>9/10 - 9/11<br>9/16 - 9/18 |   |
| Cohort B Device Pickup |   | 8/27<br>10am-6pm                        | Any new student can pick up their device. All 10th graders can come in and exchange their old computer with their new computer. |

**District-wide Special Programs (Spec. Ed, ELL, GT, At-Risk etc.)**

| <b>Event</b>               | <b>Original Date</b> | <b>NEW Date</b> | <b>Notes/Comments</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| SE New Teacher Orientation | 8/14                 | 8/21            | Half day 7:45-11:15   |
| ELL Summer Council Dates   | 8/13, 8/14           | 8/20, 8/21      |                       |

**Temporary Virtual Learning Program**

| <b>Event</b>  | <b>Original Date</b> | <b>NEW Date</b>  | <b>Notes/Comments</b>  |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
| First Communication to Families                         | 8/11                 | 8/18             | New TVL date for communication and responsibilities for programming.   |
| Device Pickup   | N/A                  | 8/26<br>10am-6pm | Students enrolled in Temporary Virtual Learning can stop at the school they would normally attend to pick up their device. |
| Student Logs into Infinite Campus for Attendance Record | N/A                  | 8/31             | Students will need to log into Infinite Campus on August 31st for attendance.  |
| Start Date for Virtual Learning                         | 8/25                 | 9/01             | Temporary Virtual Learning Program begins on September 1st.  |