

COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Comstock Families,

At last night's Board meeting, the trustees heard from nearly a dozen members of the public regarding the need to add face-to-face instruction as an option for families. After discussing the issue, the Board of Education decided to restore face-to-face instructional options for students in Pre-Kindergarten to 5th grade and set Monday, October 5 as the starting date. In addition, the trustees agreed to allow two specific high school programs to resume operations: the EFE auto technology class and the functional work-based learning program.

This letter is intended to announce the Board's decision, so that families with elementary students may carefully weigh and consider the option to remain in virtual classes or return to in-person schooling.

Return to Learn in the Buildings for PreKindergarten to Grade 5

While the district will continue to offer a fully virtual option for the students and families who wish to continue with that model, the Board has agreed to allow the following instructional options for students and families to begin on Monday, October 5, 2020:

- A. Comstock Early Learning Academy (CELA) (a return to full operations, four days a week, Monday-Thursday); contact Principal Meadow Nuyen at 269-250-8960 or nuyenm@comstockps.org for more information.
- B. Comstock Elementary School (CES) (a return to full operations, five days a week, Monday-Friday); contact Principal Susan Caswell at 269-250-8602 or caswells@comstockps.org; or Assistant Principal Courtney Boyce at 269-250-8603 or boycec@comstockps.org for more information.
- C. Comstock STEM Academy (STEM) (initiation of a "hybrid" instructional model with Monday/Thursday "Blue Group" and Tuesday/Friday "White Group" with Wednesday reserved for live instruction for virtual learners; contact Principal Chris Chopp at 269-250-8560 or choppcc@comstockps.org for more information.

Education For Employment (EFE) Auto Tech

Comstock Public Schools hosts a county-wide Education For Employment (EFE) auto technology program at Comstock High School. With the Board's decision, the program will offer a hybrid model where students attend in-person two days per week and virtually the other three days. Contact Instructor Matt Basse at 269-250-8779 or bassem@comstockps.org for more information as well as a starting date.

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Comstock High School Functional Program

Comstock High School is home to a functional work-based learning program. With the Board's decision, students in the program may now begin to work off campus at their job sites. Contact Instructor Steven Rand at 269-250-8700 or rand@comstockps.org for more information as well as a starting date.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank all of our staff and families as we share our stories and work together to serve the best interests of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "J".

Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes
Superintendent