

COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Comstock Families,

At last night's Board meeting, after hearing public input from more than a dozen stakeholders and discussing the matter at length, the Board of Education decided to restore face-to-face instructional options for students in grades 6-12. The starting date for this instructional option is set for Monday, November 2.

This letter is intended to announce the Board's decision, so that families with secondary students may carefully weigh and consider the option to remain in virtual classes, or return to in-person schooling prior to November 2. While the district will continue to offer a fully virtual option for all students and families who wish to continue with that model, the Board has agreed to allow the following buildings to resume face-to-face instruction:

- A. Comstock Middle School (CMS): a hybrid instructional model with a "Blue" group having in-person instruction on Monday and Tuesday, and virtual learning Wednesday through Friday; and a "White" group having in-person instruction on Thursday and Friday, and virtual learning Monday through Wednesday; contact Principal Mark Wilke at 269-250-8550 or wilkem@comstockps.org for more information.
- B. Comstock STEM Academy (STEM): a hybrid instructional model with a "Blue" group having in-person instruction on Monday/Thursday, and live instruction for virtual learners Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; and a "White" group having in-person instruction on Tuesday/Friday, and live instruction for virtual learners on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; contact Principal Chris Chopp at 269-250-8560 or choppcc@comstockps.org for more information.
- C. Compass High School (COM): a ½-day split schedule with a morning group attending in-person instruction and an afternoon group attending in-person instruction; contact Principal Jay Birchmeier at 269-250-8932 or birchmeierj@comstockps.org for more information.
- D. Comstock High School (CHS): a hybrid instructional model with a "Blue" group having in-person instruction on Monday/Tuesday, and virtual learning Wednesday through Friday; and a "White" group having in-person instruction on Thursday/Friday, and virtual learning Monday through Wednesday; contact Principal David Kirksey at 269-250-8703 or kirkseyd@comstockps.org for more information.

As we have done with our elementary instructional programming, the district's leadership and staff will collaboratively work to ensure adherence to, and compliance with, our COVID-19 Safety Plan. As we make this transition, the safety and health of our students and staff are clearly a priority. On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank our staff and families as we strive to serve the best interests of all of our students.

Sincerely,

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