
[Stratton-Staff] Re: Equal Cohort A & B In-Person Days

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Dear All,

Over the last week, I have received emails from parents expressing concern about the two-day inequity of in-person days for the A and B cohorts. Over the course of the school year, students in cohort A will be in school 65 days, while students in cohort B will be in school 67 days.

After considering several options for how to equalize the number of in-person days, the plan is to add one in-person day to the cohort A schedule during the week of January 18. Monday is a holiday to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. That week, students in the A cohort will attend school in-person on Tuesday and Friday. Students in the B cohort will attend school in-person only on Thursday. On Friday, Cohort B students will have the remote schedule they missed on Monday. Cohort A students will have their regular Thursday remote schedule. Wednesday's schedule remains unchanged for both cohorts.

This schedule change will equalize the number of in-person school days for cohort A and B students. One consideration in making this schedule adjustment in January is to give families sufficient time to make adjustments to their work schedules or childcare plans.

As we progress through this unprecedented school year, we will carefully monitor the equity of in-person school days and make adjustments as needed.

I also want to clarify the plan for the Monday and Tuesday before the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. On these two days, cohort A and B will be remote with synchronous instruction for the regular school day. At the elementary level, the school day is from 8:10 am to 2:30 pm (there is no need for a 1:45 pm dismissal since the students are remote). At Gibbs and OMS, the school day runs from 8:30 am to 2:56 pm.

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break, students will be dismissed at 11:30 am at the elementary level; 11:45 am at the secondary level. The Wednesday before the winter break will be a regular Wednesday school day.

A similar message will be sent to K-8 families.

I recognize that this is a very challenging year for all of us and I appreciate how hard all of you are working to support and educate our students. Thank you!

Best regards,

Kathy

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