



February 19, 2021

Dear Tilden Family,

We will hold a virtual Town Hall Meeting next Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The Webinar link is provided below. The Town Hall is open to all Tilden families and we hope that you will be able to join us, so that we can answer your questions pertaining to the partial re-opening. Based on the feedback from all of our stakeholders, along with updates from the district this past week, we have been able to make some upgrades to our plans that I look forward to sharing with you.

To Join the Webinar:

<https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/j/88133319255?pwd=UGpwcGxrQzEyUzI5bjRySzdkYTRZZz09>

Webinar ID: 881 3331 9255

Passcode: 818731

Or iPhone one-tap :

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Important Calendar Dates:

- **February 24th:** Virtual Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 pm
- **March 8th:** Professional Day for Teachers, No School for Students
- **March 1st-12th:** Blackout period - no changes for in-person instruction will be accepted; Tilden MS schedule finalized
- **March 9th and 10th:** Asynchronous learning for Students
- **March 12th:** Half-Day for Students
- **March 15th:** Re-opening for first phase
- **March 29th-April 2nd:** Spring Break
- **April 5th:** Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed
- **April 6th:** Re-opening for second phase

Request for Change:

- **February 26th:** Last day for families to contact the school to request changes from original selection: [Request to Change from Virtual to In-Person Google Form](#)
- Those parents who wish to have their children remain in the virtual environment do not need to contact us.

- Those parents who already emailed the school, do not need to fill out the above Google Form.
- All additional requests for in-person learning will be based on availability, as each class only holds a maximum of 15 students. Students may be placed on a waiting list.
- Families who did not make a selection were defaulted to virtual instruction.

In-Person Instruction Starting Dates and Groups:

- Detailed letters will be sent to families next week, following the Board of Education meeting on February 23, 2021. Furthermore, additional information will be sent as the plans are finalized.

March 15th Start Date:

- Students in our **Learning For Independence Program (LFI) return**. All three grade levels of students in the LFI Program will begin on this date. Students in the LFI program will attend school every week.
- Only **6th grade students** who receive **Special Education services through our Learning and Academic Disabilities (LAD) Program and opted for in-person instruction return**. Students can also choose to wait and return with their grade level. Students will follow the Blue and Gold Team rotation.
- Only **6th grade students in the Asperger Program** who opted for in-person return to school. Students in the program, in 7th and 8th grade, who opted to return, will be able to do so on April 6th. Students can also choose to wait and return with their grade level. Students in the Asperger program will attend school every week.

April 6 Start Date

- 6th grade students who have opted for in-person instruction return.

April 19 Start Date

- 8th grade students who have opted for in-person instruction return.

April 26 Start Date

- 7th grade students who have opted for in-person instruction return.

Warmest Regards,

Irina LaGrange
Principal