

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Wilmette Junior High School Auditorium  
620 Locust Road

In-person attendance at this meeting will be limited to not more than 50 people in order to adhere to the maximum group size capacity and the required social distancing requirements. Any person entering the facility in-person must register in advance below and must wear a face mask.

**A live broadcast of this meeting will be viewable at our  
[YouTube Channel: bit.ly/D39YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD39YouTube)**

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments (email public comments to: [PublicComment@wilmette39.org](mailto:PublicComment@wilmette39.org))
- IV. District 39 Reopening Plan Discussion
- V. Approve the Amended 2020-2021 School Year Calendar
- VI. Adjourn

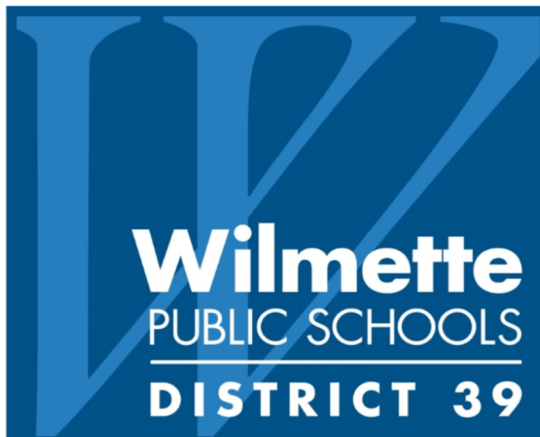
To attend the meeting in-person, please register for tickets here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-board-of-education-meeting-tickets-116499744873>

*Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact the Assistant to the Superintendent, Wilmette Public Schools District 39, at 847-512-6000 at least three hours prior to the meeting to allow for accommodations to be made.*

*As a limited public forum and pursuant to Board policy, persons wishing to address the Board during the public comment time must speak to the whole Board regarding school issues. Any member of the public that would like to submit a public comment, can do so via email to [PublicComment@wilmette39.org](mailto:PublicComment@wilmette39.org) by 6:50 PM on August 13, 2020. Public comments submitted via email and designated as such will be announced during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please note the duration of public comment is limited to three minutes, per School Board policy.*

# WILMETTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 39 FALL 2020 REOPENING PLAN UPDATE

AUGUST 13, 2020



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# PROCESS: PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY TASK FORCE

- Planning Committee and Advisory Task Force = 100+ representatives of teachers, faculty, support staff, parents, medical professionals, community members, students, administrators
  - Three Subcommittees
    - Health & Safety
    - School Operations & Logistics
    - Teaching & Learning
- Administrative Council
- Research and Science
- Review All Available Guidance, Input, Surveys and Information
- Provide feedback on and guided plan
- Ongoing Work through and beyond July 31

Health and Safety	School Operations and Logistics	Teaching and Learning
		
<p>Health and Wellbeing of Students and Staff</p> <p>Social-Emotional Learning and Supports</p> <p>PPE Availability and Viability</p> <p>Sanitation Procedures</p>	<p>Physical Restrictions for Social Distancing</p> <p>Weekly/Yearly School Calendar</p> <p>Extracurriculars</p> <p>Food Service, Transportation and Arrival/Dismissal Procedures</p>	<p>Instructional Model Planning</p> <p>School-Day Schedule</p> <p>Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Planning</p> <p>Professional Development</p>
<b>Guidance from and Collaboration with State and Local Partners</b>		

# D39 PLANNING COMMITMENTS FOR FALL REOPENING

- Health and Safety of Students and Staff is a Priority
- Flexible and Adaptable Instructional Models Must Be Developed to Provide Consistency and the Ability to Respond without Interruption
- Manageable, Meaningful and Sustainable Teaching and Learning are Critical to Our Ongoing Success
- Targeted and Connected Learning is Our Goal
- Consistency facilitates improved engagement and alignment amongst all stakeholders in teaching and learning

**THROUGHOUT OUR PLANNING, WE HAVE AIMED TO PROVIDE  
IN-PERSON LEARNING AND CONNECTION AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE  
WHILE ABIDING BY STATE HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES.**

# D39 REOPENING PLAN

Wilmette Public Schools District 39  
Fall 2020 Reopening Plan  
July 31, 2020

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DISTRICT 39

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Wilmette Public Schools District 39 Return to School Webinar

FAQs  
Updated August 11, 2020

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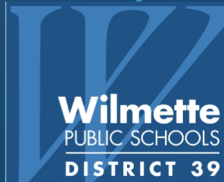
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District 39 Reopening Guide  
2020-2021

August 5, 2020  
(Will be Regularly Updated)

# D39 REOPENING PLAN

**Well-Developed Plans and  
A Commitment to Ongoing  
Review/Improvement  
And...  
The World Around Us  
Continues to Shift**



# RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State



## PHASE 4

In-Person, Hybrid, and/or Remote Instruction are permissible following health guidelines

PHASE 1

Rapid  
Spread

PHASE 2

Flattening

PHASE 3

Recovery

PHASE 4

Revitalization

PHASE 5

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Restored

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ISBE/IDPH GUIDANCE

- Face coverings must be worn within schools
- Plan for physical distancing (6 feet) as much as possible
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space
- Bubbling or cohort pod planning of students is encouraged to limit student group interactions
- Schools must conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks
- Increase schoolwide cleaning and disinfection
- Districts must be prepared to shift to between models and to remote instruction, as needed or as guidance changes
- Instructional day must be at least 5 hours (in-person and/or remote)
- Plan to support transition needs back and new wellbeing needs
- In-person learning opportunities are strongly encouraged, especially for younger students and students with special needs
- Five instructional days may be used for planning purposes
- In-Person, Hybrid/Blended, and/or Remote Instruction are permissible in Phase 4, following guidelines



# WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW



Face coverings are required. The state will provide one free mask to every public school student. Students can also bring face coverings from home.



Students and staff must stay six feet apart as much as possible. Talk to your child about the importance of social distancing.



No more than 50 people are allowed in one space at a time. Cafeterias and school buses may look different than usual.



Schools are conducting symptom screenings and temperature checks or requiring that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.



Schools are increasing cleaning and disinfection. Schools will provide hand sanitizer and have soap and water readily available for frequent handwashing.



Schools may implement creative scheduling or a combination of in-person and remote learning. More information is coming from your school or district.

Each school or district will use these requirements to develop a local reopening plan for the students and communities they serve. **For more information about state requirements, visit [ISBE.net/COVID19](https://www.isbe.net/COVID19)**

RESTORE ILLINOIS: PHASE 4



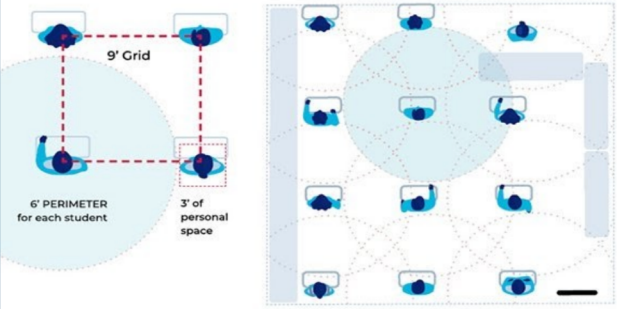
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# BEST PRACTICES

## Arrange Instructional Spaces

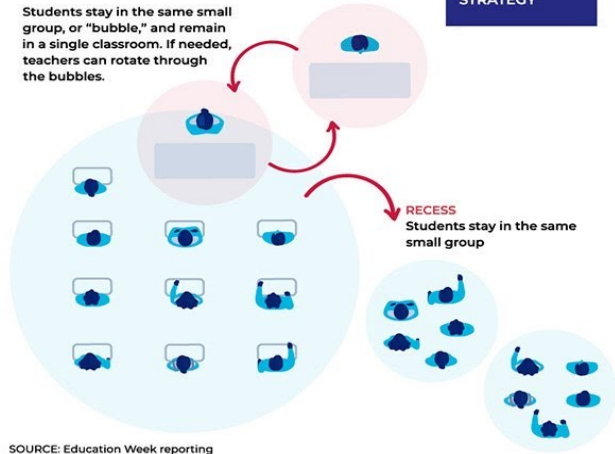


**Reduce Class Sizes to Accommodate Distancing Requirements**

SOURCE: National Council on School Facilities and Cooperative Strategies, CannonDesign  
Icons: iStock/Getty

## Limiting Exposure and Transmission

Students stay in the same small group, or "bubble," and remain in a single classroom. If needed, teachers can rotate through the bubbles.



SOURCE: Education Week reporting

Professional Development  
Ongoing Support  
Social Emotional Well-Being

# D39 FALL 2020 REOPENING PLANS INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

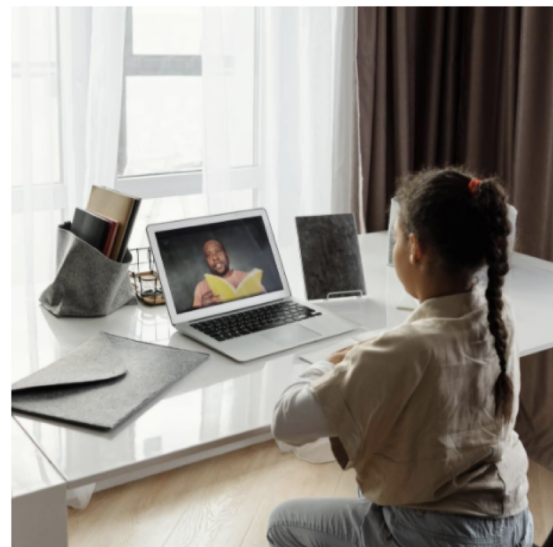
PREPARE TO PIVOT, AS NEEDED



**MODIFIED IN-PERSON**



**HYBRID**



**REMOTE**

# DISTRICT 39

## FALL 2020 REOPENING PLAN

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (PK-4):**

**In-Person Instructional Model**

OR

**ENHANCED Remote Model**

### **5-8 CAMPUS:**

**In-Person Instructional Model**

OR

**ENHANCED Remote Model**

BACK TO SCHOOL - SAFE AND HEALTHY! **FALL 2020**

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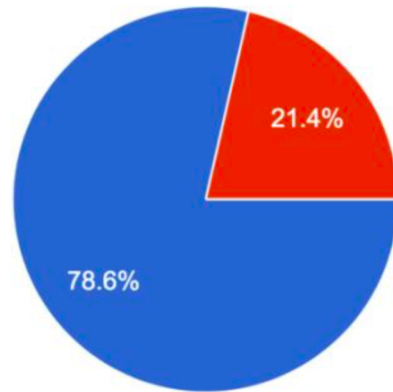
## Enrollment and Staffing

# DISTRICT 39

## FALL 2020 REOPENING PLAN

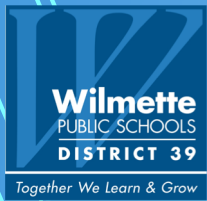
### Enrollment Commitment for First Semester of the 2020-2021 School Year

3,589 responses



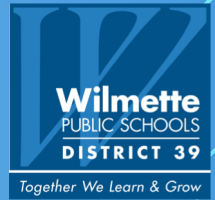
- In-Person Instructional Model (Daily Modified Schedule at Elementary Schools; Hybrid Alternating Day Schedule at HMS and WJHS)
- Full Enhanced Remote Learning (All instruction delivered remotely)





# DISTRICT 39

## FALL 2020 REOPENING PLAN



### **Each Elementary School**

- **4-5 Sections per Grade Level In-Person**
- **3-4 Sections per Grade Level Fully Remote**

### **Middle School**

- **4 Houses per Grade Level In-Person**
- **1 House per Grade Level Fully Remote**

### **Junior High School**

- **3 Five-Person Teams per Grade Level In-Person**
- **1 Three-Person Team per Grade Level Fully Remote**



# DISTRICT 39

## FALL 2020 REOPENING PLAN



### Staffing

- Preliminary Survey = 5% may need accommodation or have a medical condition that may limit their return to work
- Certificated Staff = 14% may need medical accommodation or leave
- Support Staff = 4% may need medical accommodation or leave

### Leaves Include:

- Medical Accommodation or Leave Under ADA
- Medical Accommodation or Leave due to Family Member
- Childcare Leaves under Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
- Leave of Absence in accordance with CBA

BACK TO SCHOOL - SAFE AND HEALTHY! **FALL 2020**

# D39 FALL 2020 REOPENING PLANS UPDATE

Updated Guidance and  
Health and Safety Improvements

# EVER-CHANGING GUIDANCE

- New health guidance for schools released - Illinois Department of Public Health, August 13
- New guidance on face masks for children – American Academy of Pediatrics, August 13
- Close Contact Definition Update - Cook County Department of Public Health, August 6
- Quarantine Guidance Update - PolicyLab Paper on Evidence and Considerations for School Reopenings, *August 6*
- Updated guidance on school reopening Learning Recommendations – Illinois State Board of Education, July 23



# HEALTH & SAFETY



# UPDATES:

- Cleaning Protocol – Daily, Nightly and Specialized
- Ventillation (35-40% Air Exchange Rate) and Upgraded Filters
- Heat Advisory Protocol
- COVID Response Plan
- Access to Rapid Testing
- School Operations Protocol
- FAQs and Ongoing Input



BACK TO SCHOOL - SAFE AND HEALTHY! **FALL 2020**

# D39 FALL 2020 REOPENING PLANS UPDATE

Calendar and  
Preparedness

# MUST BE PREPARED TO PIVOT

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- The Cook County Health Department advises transition to fully remote based on single or multiple cases within a classroom or school, OR
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We are here

### FULL IN-PERSON LEARNING if:

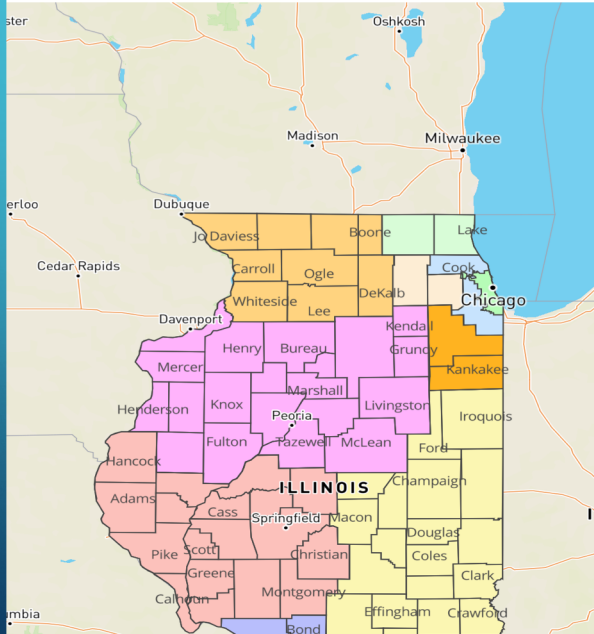
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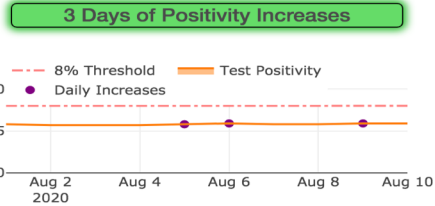
## Region 10 Details

Region 10

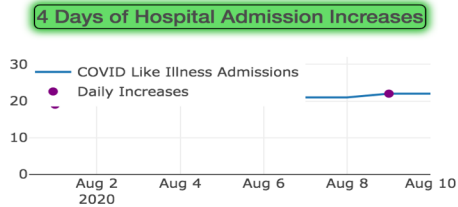


All Time   Last 30 Days   Last 10 Days

### Test Positivity 7 Day Rolling Average



### Hospital Admissions 7 Day Rolling Average



5.9% as of Aug. 10

# SURVEILLANCE DATA

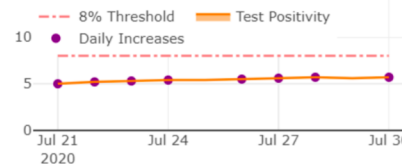
## Restore IL and Resurgence metrics

### Surveillance –what we are watching

- Metrics used to determine when the spread of the virus in a region requires additional mitigations:
- Sustained increase in 7-day rolling average (7 out of 10 days) in positivity rate **and** one of the following severity indicators:
  - Sustained 7-day increase in hospital admissions for a COVID-19 like illness AND
  - Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities (ICU capacity or medical/surgical beds < 20%)
- OR three consecutive days averaging  $\geq 8\%$  positivity rate
- The updated guidance from IDPH establishes three tiers of mitigations that can be implemented should a region meet the resurgence metrics.
- Regions will work with IDPH to decide what mitigations are necessary

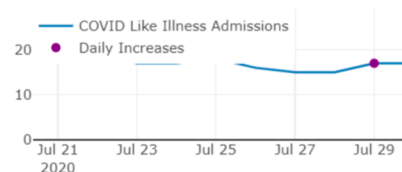
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8 Days of Positivity Increases



Hospital Admissions 7 Day Rolling Average

3 Days of Hospital Admission Increases



Data: Aug 2, 2020



COOK COUNTY  
HEALTH



Cook County  
Public Health  
Promoting health. Preventing disease. Protecting lives.

<https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=10>

# WILMETTE

60091

Zip Code	Location	County	7-Day Case Positivity Rate as of 8/11	Positivity Rate Status	7-Day Daily Case Average per 100K as of 8/11	7-Day Daily Case Status as of 8/11	Cases as of 8/11	Total Cases as Percentage of Population	Tests as of 8/11	Total tests as Percentage of Population
60091	Wilmette, IL	Cook	2.3%	target	8.4	ok	227	0.8%	5,259	19.2%

Case positivity rates are calculated as a 7-day average. The state health departments in Indiana and Wisconsin do not report testing figures at the community or zip code level on their websites, so we cannot compute positivity rates for those communities.

Table: NBC5 Investigates • Source: State Health Department Data • [Get the data](#) • Created with [Datawrapper](#)

0.8% as of Aug. 11

# NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP ZIP CODES

Local Positivity Rates as of 8/12

- 2.0% for rolling 14 day
- 2.1% for rolling 7 day

# ADDITIONAL METRICS TO GUIDE OUR ADJUSTMENTS

## **Governor's Restore Illinois Plan**

- Region 10 Data – Phase 4
- Region 9, 10, 11 Data – Phase 4

## **Local COVID-19 Data**

- Average Daily Cases – 14-day Rolling Average
  - Wilmette
  - New Trier Township Zip Codes
  - Regional Zip Codes
- Positivity Rates – 14-day Rolling Average
  - Wilmette
  - New Trier Township Zip Codes
  - Regional Zip Codes
- COVID-19 Symptoms as reported through daily screening tool

## **Operational Metrics**

- Social Distancing Compliance
- Mask Wearing Compliance
- Restroom/Washroom Break Management

## **Supplies and Facilities**

- PPE Availability
- Facility Adaptations and Cleaning

## **Staffing Levels**

- Certificated Staff Absences
- Custodial Staff Absences
- Support Staff Absences
- Availability of Substitutes
- Staff Quarantine Rates

## **Student Absences**

- Daily Student Absences
- Student Quarantine Rates



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And Guiding Metrics



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# WHAT DO WE NEED TO SUPPORT SUCCESS?


- Support for our Faculty and Staff
  - Professional Development for Remote Instruction and New Classroom Approaches
  - Training on Protocol, Guidelines and Plan
  - Opportunity to Practice Both
- Support for our Students
  - Direct Training
  - Opportunity to Practice with Support
  - Transition Support
- Preparedness for All to Pivot
- Community Commitment to Support Well-Being of All
- Grace and Understanding

# CALENDAR ADJUSTMENTS

- Weeklong Professional Development and Training
- Weeklong Fully Remote Instruction for All
- Staggered Start for All In-Person Learners
- Ongoing Adjustments and Improvements
- Weekly Review of Progress and Metrics
- Opportunity, Preparedness and Awareness of All to Pivot

# AUG/SEPT 2020

## Transitions to Success: Wilmette Welcome Weeks

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	WILMETTE WELCOME WEEKS
<b>24</b> Teacher Institute Day	<b>25</b> Teacher Institute Day	<b>26</b> Teacher Institute Day	<b>27</b> Teacher Institute Day	<b>28</b> Teacher Institute Day	Full Week of Professional Development
<b>31</b> Remote Instruction	<b>01</b> Remote Instruction	<b>02</b> Remote Instruction	<b>03</b> Remote Instruction	<b>04</b> Remote Instruction	Full Week of Remote Instruction for All
First Day of Enhanced Fully Remote Program is August 31.					
<b>07</b> Labor Day No School	<b>08</b> In-Person Once Per Week	<b>09</b> In-Person Once Per Week	<b>10</b> In-Person Once Per Week	<b>11</b> In-Person Once Per Week	Students Attend Once Per Week (Half Days for Elem, Full Days for 5-8)
<b>14</b> Remote Instruction 	<b>15</b> In-Person Once Per Week	<b>16</b> In-Person Once Per Week	<b>17</b> In-Person Once Per Week	<b>18</b> In-Person Once Per Week	Students Attend Once Per Week (Full Days for All)
<b>21</b> Remote Instruction	<b>22</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	<b>23</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	<b>24</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	<b>25</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	Students Attend Twice Per Week
<b>28</b> Yom Kippur No School	<b>29</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	<b>30</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	<b>01</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	<b>02</b> In-Person Twice Per Week	Students Attend Twice Per Week
<b>05</b> In-Person	<b>06</b> In-Person	<b>07</b> In-Person	<b>08</b> In-Person	<b>09</b> In-Person	In-Person Instructional Model for All

Specialized Comprehensive Needs Program Participants Attend with In-Person Attendees



Metrics  
Review Each  
Friday

# SUPPORT FOR ALL D39: IN-PERSON AND REMOTE

## Back to School Boot Camps & Virtual Parent Events

- Device (tablet or laptop) orientation
- Seesaw (PK-4)
- Schoology (5-8)
- Google Classroom
- Zoom - Video Conferencing Tool
- Executive Functional Skills
- Social Emotional Well-Being
- Community Building
- Virtual Technology Support - Problem solving tools
- Engaging Disengaged Students
- Online & Offline Balance

# BE A HERO: PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



Wear face covering at all times



Stay 6-feet apart



Wash your hands frequently



Showing symptoms? Stay home!

RESTORE ILLINOIS: PHASE 4



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# THANK YOU!



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**ACTION ITEM**

**Date:** August 13, 2020

**To:** Members, Board of Education

**From:** Kari Cremascoli, Ph.D.

**Subject:** Approve the Amended 2020-2021 School Calendar

**Proposed Action by Board of Education**

Approve the amended 2020-2021 school year calendar.

**Background**

Attached is a proposed amendment to the 2020-2021 school calendar presented for Board approval. The calendar has been changed to reflect Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> as an additional Teachers Institute Day. Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> reflect Remote Learning Planning Days (RLPD) as allowed by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The October 12<sup>th</sup> Teachers Institute Day reflects a Remote Learning Planning Day. November 3<sup>rd</sup> is a required non-attendance day due to elections. As in previous years, this calendar has been coordinated with township elementary districts and New Trier High School.

The calendar includes 184 contractual teacher workdays and 176 student attendance days. The first day for teachers is scheduled on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, with Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> as the first official day of school for students. Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of school if no snow days are used.

## WILMETTE DISTRICT 39 2020-2021 Calendar **AMENDED**

July-20				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3 <small>JULY 4th Holiday</small>
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

August-20				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24 TI	25 TI	26 TI	27 RLP	28 RLP
31	3	4	5	6

September-20				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

October-20				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9
12 RLP	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35

November-20				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 P/T	13 P/T
16	17	18	19	20
23 PD	24	25	26	27
30	31			

December-20				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
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14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

January-21				
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18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
31				

February-21				
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

March-21				
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29	30	31		

April-21				
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31				

May-21				
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24	25	26	27	28
31				

June-21				
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	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

School closed
Students off
Emergency Day
Students early release

PD - Professional Development      TI - Teacher Institute      Election Day/No School      HI - Half-day In-service  
 P/T - Parent/Teacher Conferences      NTS - New Trier Summer School      SIP - School Improvement Planning

(Note: April 22nd K-4 early release/5-8 in attendance)