



September 20, 2020

Hello Rosholt Families:

The Rosholt School District Board of Education has determined that our school district will change instructional phases beginning on Monday, October 12. An instructional phase is an instructional delivery model/format. Currently, the school district offers two delivery model options: 5-days per week in-person and 5-days per week virtual/at-home learning. On October 12, Rosholt Schools will move to a 4-day per week in-person and 1-day per week virtual/at-home learning. That means that students that attend in-person will come to our school campus on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays they will learn virtually (or using hard-copy printed work) from home. Students may also participate through a 5-day virtual/at-home learning model, similar to how the school district is operating now.

Four-year old kindergarten will move from Monday-Wednesday attendance being on Mondays and Tuesdays. Tuesday-Thursday attendance will now be on Thursdays and Fridays. Four-year old kindergarten students will be given the option to switch to the other day grouping if families cannot shift to their child's assigned days.

This instructional phase change will greatly help our school district. First and foremost, it allows teachers the necessary planning time to support both the needs of both in-person and virtual learning. Delivering both formats of learning has proven to be a significant task and requires additional time for planning, particularly with creating instructional modeling videos for at-home learners. Second and still very important, it allows our Buildings and Grounds staff to perform a mid-week deep cleaning and disinfection of our facility. We want to make certain that our school remains healthy as the community fights the spread of the Coronavirus.

Athletics and after school activities will continue to practice in-person at the end of the school day on Wednesdays. Students will be responsible for getting themselves to school for practice or rehearsal.

Families will have the opportunity to order free breakfasts and lunches for all persons eighteen years and under from the school Food Service Department for Wednesdays, as well as any other weekday. The free program is being funded from a grant through the United States Department of Agriculture and will last up to December 22, 2020. Information for the free meal program can be found on the school district's website.

Additional information regarding the changes coming beginning Monday, October 12 will be shared by the elementary and middle-high schools, as well as by your child's teachers this week. We understand that this causes challenges to families regarding child care arrangements and acknowledge like any change, it takes time to adjust. We are resolute that it will allow our staff to provide stronger instructional support for students throughout the fall and winter months. Thank you, in advance, to the Rosholt community for the strong and constant support provided to the school district during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Christopher Thompson, EdD • District Administrator