

Superintendent's message regarding FCPS hybrid model implementation

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Dear FCPS Community,

I am proud to announce that due to the incredible efforts of our FCPS employees, Board of Education members, and partners in the Frederick County Health Department, we are ready to move forward with beginning the hybrid model on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. It has definitely been a team effort, and we recognize that students and their families are an important part of our team as well.

Please be sure that students understand the importance of wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, and washing their hands frequently. It is also important that any student with symptoms of a COVID-like illness, or who has been a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, must remain at home and access virtual learning. We must work together to minimize any chance of spread in our schools in order to continue our hybrid model implementation.

We also ask for your patience as we begin the implementation of a totally new experience for our staff and students. We have worked very hard to be as prepared as possible for this transition, yet we anticipate some "bumps" in the road. Please reach out to your principal with any concerns so that issues can be addressed immediately.

It is also important to remember that during the pandemic, circumstances can change rapidly. If the Frederick County Health Department identifies any public health concerns that warrant a change in our plans, we will announce that information as soon as possible. It is also possible that a family may be contacted if a student was a close contact of a person who tested positive and we may ask that the student quarantine. We intentionally make the virtual and hybrid schedules the same so that a student in quarantine can still join the class virtually during quarantine.

We look forward to welcoming students back to our school buildings on Tuesday.

Sincerely,
Dr. Terry Alban