

**Sullivan West Central School**

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Dear SWE Families,

I hope the spring-like temperatures and melting snow are as encouraging to your heart as they are to mine. I am writing to you as a follow-up to the communication you received from Mr. Walker telling you of our plans to increase all hybrid in-person students from 2 days to 4 days of in-person instruction. I am glad to be able to tell you that beginning on **Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in-person instruction will be expanded for all present hybrid students to take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.**

I am overjoyed that we are able to have your child/ren for double the instructional time, while also being able to maintain the necessary steps to continue to ensure safety. Unfortunately as of yet there have been no changes to the Department of Health requirements for schools. This means we continue to be required to enforce mask wearing, 6-feet of social distancing and temperature checks for our students each day.

The increase to 4 days of in-class instruction will look similar to our present practices. The students will arrive at school by bus or parent drop-off. Arrival and dismissal times will stay the same for now. With an increase of students each day we ask that if you are dropping off your child, you remain in your car so as to maximize safety and minimize wait time for all. Upon arrival students will have their temperatures checked and enter the building, going straight to homeroom or breakfast. If your child is not feeling well in the morning or running a low grade fever we ask that you keep them home for the day and contact our school nurse, Ms. Durkin. Our classroom desks and cafeteria tables will continue to be set up to maintain the required 6 foot spacing between all students while learning in class and eating in the cafeteria.

I ask that if your child takes a bus, please check your mailbox for a communication from the Transportation Department telling you of any updated information regarding your child's busing, as there may be some modifications there.

This past year has been very difficult and especially for parents of young children. I want to sincerely thank each of you for your positive and supportive attitudes during these difficult times. I think we all agree that we long for normalcy to return. It is my hope that this step brings us closer to that end.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. I can be reached by phone at 482-4610 extension 2141 or by email [MclaughlinRod@swcsd.org](mailto:MclaughlinRod@swcsd.org)

Thank you and stay well,

*Rod McLaughlin*

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