

Dear Jamesville-DeWitt families,

This is a follow up on my email from Friday, Aug. 7. In that email, I explained that *on July 31, the district submitted our [reopening plan](#) to the state Education Department. It is important to note that the first guiding principle used to write the district's reopening plan is the health, safety and well-being of the children and adults is paramount. Based on the Governor's announcement, Jamesville-DeWitt plans to open schools in September in our hybrid learning model.*

We understand that our families have a lot of questions and concerns about the upcoming school year. We have scheduled three virtual information sessions to share more details about our plan and to address your questions. Sessions will take place via Zoom at:

- **7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, [Zoom invitation here](#)**
- **7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, [Zoom invitation here](#)**
- **12 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, [Zoom invitation here](#)**

Please submit questions ahead of time to psmith@jd.cnyric.org, and watch for a frequently asked questions page that will soon be posted on our website that will address the most common questions and concerns that we are hearing.

Parents are also being asked to complete a [back-to-school survey](#) by **Sunday, Aug. 16**, indicating whether their children will participate in remote or in-person instruction and if they will need transportation.

So that parents can plan accordingly, we have determined that students will be split into the following groups:

- **Group A:** Students in grades 2-12 with last names starting with A-Kaur
- **Group B:** Students in grades 2-12 with last names starting with Kears-Z
- **Group C:** All other special education students and English language learners
- **Group D:** Students in kindergarten and grade one and our highest needs special education students
- **Group E:** Students in grades K-12 whose parents/guardians select an entirely remote option where their children do not attend any in-person school

For those students whose families choose in-person instruction, the link below shows which days students will attend school and which days they will participate remotely.

[Hybrid Instruction Summary Sheet](#)

We recognize that each model poses some type of challenge for our families, but we created these groups with the best interests of our students in mind, carefully planning for our most vulnerable students and taking into consideration social distancing restrictions.

Please continue to check our website for important updates, and I will continue to reach out to you directly. If you have questions or concerns that aren't answered during our parent forums or on our website, please feel free to reach out to me at psmith@jd.cnyric.org or your child's building principal.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you for your patience as we work through the details of how to begin the 2020-21 school year in the safest manner possible for all of our students, faculty, staff and families. We recognize that there is more work to be done, and we'll adjust, adapt and communicate as much as needed. With the support of our families, community and outstanding staff and faculty, we will get through this together.

Sincerely,
Peter Smith
Superintendent of Schools