



# Grass Valley School District

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**Andrew Withers**  
Superintendent

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Grass Valley Parents, Staff, Students, and Community,

2020 continues to provide new challenges and changes however we continue to be impressed with the hard work, flexibility, patience, and innovation we are seeing from our students, staff, parents and community. We greatly appreciate everyone's support and dedication! The goal of this communication is to provide a status update on our transition to hybrid learning.

Our plan remains to begin hybrid learning districtwide on Monday, October 26th as decided in our September Special Board Meeting. We will continue our online-only program for families/students by request and we are continuing to work on MOU agreements with staff bargaining groups. We are using the recent September parent survey data to create our cohort groups including those who wish to return to in-person learning and those who want to remain online-only. We are working with Durham to create our transportation schedule for families that requested transportation as well. Currently our district has 210 families/students that requested to remain online-only as well as 158 families/students that have requested transportation services.

We continue to work closely and we meet regularly with staff and stakeholder groups to ensure we are fully prepared for the return of in-person learning on our campus'. We have developed Site Specific Protection Plans ([LINKED Here](#)) for each of our school sites and district programs. We have adequate protective equipment and we are following all State and local guidance for daily symptom checks ([LINKED here](#)), as well potential exposures, notifications, and contact tracing ([LINKED here](#)).

In hybrid, the Bell Hill, Lyman Gilmore, and Margaret G. Scotten school sites will be serving students in an A/B hybrid instructional format. While we have not finalized our bell schedule yet, we will provide this update to all families next week. We have decided on this model after considering feedback from all stakeholders and we felt that the A/B model would allow us the best opportunity to provide safe in person instruction including transportation services.

In hybrid, our Grass Valley Charter School will be serving students in an AM/PM hybrid instructional format. The bell schedule specifics for this will be shared directly from our site principal, Scott Maddock. We felt that the AM/PM instructional model was best for our GVCS campus after considering feedback from all stakeholders. Factors including that GVCS is our only K-8 charter school and that we do not offer transportation services, impacted this decision.

We will be providing additional updates including student/family specific schedules next week to ensure all stakeholders are informed. We have developed a district Return To In-Person Learning Handbook and we will be hosting a staff-only forum on the afternoon of Wednesday October 14th as well as a Parent and Community Forums by school site during the evening of Thursday October 15th. Links and additional details for these events will be sent out next week. Thank you for your support and patience as we work to update our programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Sincerely,

**Andrew Withers**

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