

Dear Commerce Scholars and families,

On January 28, 2021 the Springfield Public Schools voted to return to school for Hybrid Learning. If state health officials allow it, students will be returning to school in-person at least two or three days per week starting in March, April, or May.

To help you prepare for our safe return to the building, we would like to share some important information. Please note that students will remain in cohorts. A cohort will consist of 8 - 10 scholars who will be in the same classroom for the majority of the day.

The following guidelines and practices will be implemented to follow CDC and Massachusetts Health Department regulations. Your child's safety is our priority. Please know that the following steps must be taken to ensure your child's health and safety.

**Arrival:**

- School begins at 7:20 a.m.
- Upon arrival, students will be escorted to their cohort classrooms
- Lockers will not be utilized

**Instructional time:**

- Scholars will receive instruction within their cohort classrooms
- Scholars will not transition to different classrooms
- Scholars will remain with their cohort for the duration of the day

**Extracurricular Activities:**

- All clubs and activities will be conducted remotely
- The only sports allowed will be football and volleyball
- Scholars will not be allowed to remain after school unless participating in football or volleyball

**Transitions in the hallway:**

- Transitions in the hall will be kept to a minimum throughout the day

**Dismissal:**

- School ends at 2:20 p.m.
- Scholars will be escorted out of the building per safety protocol, which requires dismissal by cohort classroom

**Breakfast/Lunch:**

- All meals will be eaten within the cohort classroom
- Lunch can be brought from home, however, scholars will not have access to a refrigerator nor a microwave

Thank you for reading and understanding the above guidelines. We look forward to welcoming you back into a safe and healthy learning environment. Additional information will be shared once it becomes available. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at (413) 787-7220.

Be safe,

Mr. Paul Neal, Executive Principal