

Dear Chenery Families,

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who have taken the time to absorb the information we sent out last week regarding the next phase of learning this school year. As you know, we will end our hybrid program and offer a full-day, five day/week program in both our in-school and remote models. I believe that the two new models will allow for a very strong end to the school year for all Chenery students.

Last week we sent out a survey (one per student) asking families to choose between in-person and remote schooling. **Those surveys were due at noon today.** You will have two opportunities to switch models: April 30 and May 21.

Last night we held an information session in order to respond to some of the questions we received about our plans. Thank you to all of the families who participated and who asked thoughtful questions about both our remote and in-person models. For those who were not able to participate last night, I would like to direct you to several resources:

- Principal Karla Koza's [presentation](#)
- [FAQ document](#)

During her presentation Principal Koza walked us through some of the variables that are under consideration as we move forward with our plans. In particular, she shared some of the rationale about our remote program. At this point it is likely that we will adopt a live-streaming model for our grades 6-8 students. We are still undecided about the model for our grade 5 students. The number of students who opt for a remote program will help us determine the best path forward. Please understand that our decision about remote models is not confirmed and is still subject to change, but it represents our thinking to date.

As you know, Chenery is a complicated school. It is the second-largest middle school in the state in terms of student population; it offers a variety of language, music, and math options; and it supports a wide range of students with diverse learning styles and concerns. All of these factors made it a complex school even prior to the pandemic. I greatly appreciate your patience and collaboration as we think through all of the variables involved in bringing remote and in-person students back to a full-time, five-day program. Please feel free to reach out to [Janice Darias](#) or [Principal Koza](#) with your thoughts.

Respectfully,

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***Superintendent of Schools***