

July 23, 2020

Dear GMRSD Families,

Earlier this week, we communicated information to you regarding a potential Reopening Plan of five days per week with early dismissals each day. This information was based on the data available to us regarding safe distancing in classrooms given the number of students projected to select our “Fully Remote” option. At this time, that data has not proven accurate, as less than 10 percent of our student population has selected this option, making safe distancing in classrooms impossible.

We therefore must now make a course correction. FOR THE START of the school year, Great Meadows Regional School District will operate on a **Hybrid A/B Instructional Schedule, Monday through Thursday, with early dismissals each day**. The schedule framework, *outlined below*, will place students into cohorts that will remain in place for the duration of the time we operate on this schedule. Fridays will be utilized as a day for individualized student support and teacher planning. Additionally, this schedule will provide our custodial staff ample time to ensure our facilities are cleaned and sanitized to the greatest extent possible.

This schedule will provide for safe social distancing in all learning environments, and the smaller class sizes will allow teachers to individualize their instruction, providing more quality content despite less face-to-face time. It is right for our district, given the current circumstances. We will review this schedule and all relevant public health data at six-week intervals, potentially increasing in-person school time if the data allows.

Please remember that the Fully Remote option is still available to you. Details are available at www.gmrtd.com. Click on the link for “Remote Option Flyer” for instructions on how to register.

We again thank you for your patience as we plan under these unprecedented conditions. For more information, we encourage you to attend our Virtual Town Hall this coming Monday, July 27 at 7p.m. The link to join is also available on our district website.

Sincerely,
GMRSD Administration

Proposed Hybrid / Blended Instructional Schedule

Group A:

Half of the students in each class will be grouped based on last name, alphabetically (for example, A-L).

Group B:

The other half of the students in each class will be grouped based on last name, alphabetically (for example M-Z).

The groupings have NOT been determined as of yet. The above are examples only. After the groups have been determined, the following schedule will be designed. All days are ½ days of instruction for all levels to START THE YEAR. Adjustments may be made according to public health data.

****NOTE-September 2 will be an in-person day for the A group in order to give all students the opportunity to attend the first week.**

Monday, August 31	Tuesday, September 1	Wednesday, September 2	Thursday, September 3	Friday, September 4
School Closed / Teacher PD	School Closed / Teacher PD	<u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Individualized Student Support/Teacher Preparation for Blended Learning Model
Monday, September 7	Tuesday, September 8	Wednesday, September 9	Thursday, September 10	Friday, September 11
School Closed / Labor Day	<u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Individualized Student Support/Teacher Preparation for Blended Learning Model
Monday, September 14	Tuesday, September 15	Wednesday, September 16	Thursday, September 17	Friday, September 18
<u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Individualized Student Support/Teacher Preparation for Blended Learning Model
Monday, September 21	Tuesday, September 22	Wednesday, September 23	Thursday, September 24	Friday, September 25

<u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	<u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Individualized Student Support/Teacher Preparation for Blended Learning Model
Monday, September 28 <u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	Tuesday, September 29 <u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	Wednesday, September 30 <u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Thursday, October 1 <u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Friday, October 2 Individualized Student Support/Teacher Preparation for Blended Learning Model
Monday, October 5 <u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	Tuesday, October 6 <u>Group A:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group B:</u> Remote Instruction	Wednesday, October 7 <u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Thursday, October 8 <u>Group B:</u> In-Person Instruction <u>Group A:</u> Remote Instruction	Friday, October 9 Individualized Student Support/Teacher Preparation for Blended Learning Model