

January 16, 2021

USD 345 Staff and Families:

The second semester has begun and we are excited to see our secondary kids return to the hybrid learning environment. We will continue to monitor staffing availability and COVID transmissions in buildings as we make day-by-day decisions on the need for any learning environment transitions. It is my hope to remain in a consistent learning environment for as long as possible. We will do so as long as staffing is available and COVID is not spreading in our buildings. Next week's schedule will look a bit different than general hybrid days.

Since there is no school (MLK Day) on Monday, January 18, SMS and SHS Group A students will be on-site Tuesday the 19th and Wednesday the 20th. Group B will be on-site Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd. PreK-6 will remain in the same on-site learning environment beginning on Tuesday as they've experienced since the end of September. [Click here](#) to view elementary, middle, and high school calendars for the remaining school year.

### **SMS/SHS Return to Hybrid Jan. 19**

Tuesday Jan. 19: Group A

Wednesday Jan. 20: Group A

Thursday Jan. 21: Group B

Friday Jan. 22: Group B

Seaman Middle School will be implementing a half-day on Wednesdays for all students, tentatively beginning on January 27. This start date and the continuation of this Wednesday schedule will depend on availability of bus drivers and building staff. Mr. Snyder will be in contact with middle school parents as more information becomes available.

### **SMS Wednesdays Tentatively Beginning January 27**

**Pending transportation staffing is available.**

Group A: 7:30-10:30 am

Group B: 12:15-3:00 pm

- Each group will go through three rotations while on campus.
- Attendance is required
- Meals will be offered
- Transportation will be offered
- Student performance in interventions will be reviewed every nine weeks
- Extensions will provide explorations in areas of interest
- Students who receive IDEA Special Services will attend with their peer group. (If in Group A they attend with Group A in the AM)

The Shawnee County Health Department will soon begin Phase 2 of vaccine distribution. Phase 2 includes all school personnel. Seaman School District will apply to be a Point of Dispensing

(POD) for the county to help our school community get vaccinated. Vaccination is a personal choice, but I encourage all school staff to receive a COVID vaccination in order to protect themselves and our students. [Click here](#) to view the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Vaccination Plan.

We will continue to keep you informed as more information on vaccine distribution is released and as learning environment transitions become necessary. The health and safety of our school community remains our top priority. We also realize the importance of having students on-site as much as possible to maximize their potential.

If you are a COVID-19 vaccine candidate, thank you in advance for getting vaccinated. I also want to thank all of you for continuing our COVID-19 mitigation strategies in our schools and community. These small inconveniences give us a better chance of sustaining learning on-site for each and every student at Seaman Schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble  
Superintendent