



July 31, 2020

Dear Parents, District Representatives, Staff and Transportation Teams-

We would like to thank the many parents who participated in the 'Return to Instruction Survey' sent out recently. This has allowed Parkland to collect some very valuable information about our families, their students and the concerns surrounding the return to school. As of this week, we have heard from over three-fourths of our families across all four Parkland campuses. In addition, we have also been monitoring the school board meetings of the districts we serve in order to monitor the safety of our return.

We have arrived at the decision Parkland will institute remote learning on August 17th instead of returning to in-person instruction on August 12, 2020. After reading all of the comments and concerns shared by parents through the surveys, the delayed openings many of our districts have announced, and the obligations to our students and staff to provide the safest environment possible, we have decided it is in the best interests of all to conduct our first quarter of school through remote learning. Although we have a plan in place for an in person return that meets all ISBE, CDC and local health department regulations; we feel more confident in suspending instruction now for the health and safety of our staff and students. We hope to see everyone healthy and well starting the second quarter of our school year which will begin October 13th, 2020.

Remote instruction will still be communicated through google classrooms but there will be additional expectations for participation and attendance for all students. Additionally, there is an increase in the amount of time your student is expected to be in contact with school personnel during the course of the school day. Information will be forthcoming regarding daily remote learning expectations. If you have not yet completed the online survey, PLEASE COMPLETE ASAP, the information we still need for those who have not yet responded relates to if your student has access to technology and the internet at home. In the event your student does not, Parkland can provide the necessary technology to ensure continued academic and therapeutic progress. Please click and take the survey only if you have not yet done so:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRUne34UtsiMwqH9MMNkZAM39Yt6L62YE2h3EwR5j3KUekxQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you so much for your continued support and know that we are here for you and your student during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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