



## Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read important updates in the sections below marked with an \*\*.

This past Friday, the Governor announced that schools can reopen in the fall. We are excited and continuing to move forward preparing for our reopening and will continue communication with families and staff along the way.

We understand selecting your child's learning plan is a hard decision to make given the information you have. As a parent myself, I recognize the challenges we are all facing and want to assure you that we are taking all of your feedback into consideration and trying to make decisions that are best for our students and families. We are working at the fastest pace possible to provide parents/guardians and staff with all important information. There are many factors for the district to consider going into each decision to ensure your children are safe and provided with the highest quality of education possible. In order for us to continue planning, it is essential for us to know your child's learning plan by Monday, August 10th at noon.

\*\*We understand that as more information is shared with you regarding our reopening plan, as well as circumstances and situations that may change at home, you may need to adjust the preferred learning plan for your child. Once all reopening details have been finalized and shared with you, we will give parents/guardians an opportunity to adjust your child's learning plan as necessary. We ask that you please be patient with us and wait until we open the adjustment period before contacting the district with your change.\*\*

Thank you to all who have submitted the Student Learning Enrollment Form and the Transportation Request Form for your child. Forms will be closed at noon on Monday, August 10th.

If you have not done so yet, please review the reopening plan that offers every student a choice:

- hybrid model of learning (in-person learning 2 days per week and distance learning instruction 3 days per week) or
- 100% distance learning (full-time distance learning with S-VE teachers delivering instruction remotely).

\*\*For those choosing the hybrid model of learning, siblings from the same household will be assigned the same in-person schedule.\*\*

Please go to [www.svecsd.org/reopen.cfm](http://www.svecsd.org/reopen.cfm) to access a video of our Reopening Plan, the S-VE Reopening Plan, a one-page Reopening Plan overview, a Frequently Asked Questions document, a link to the Student Learning Enrollment Form, and the Transportation Request Form for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are having trouble accessing the Student Learning Enrollment Form or the Transportation Form, please call 589-7100 for assistance before noon on Monday.

Students enrolled in the hybrid model will be assigned to attend in-person learning on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday and will follow the distance learning model the other 3 days of the week until we are able to be back to full in-person instruction. Although not ideal, if you have not submitted your preferred option for your child by noon on Monday, they will automatically be enrolled in the hybrid learning plan.

The reason why we need this information is because we have to know the number of students we are



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planning for with each model. We need to know which students need transportation to make sure we can get them to school following the protocols in place. We need to know which students/families will be attending in-person to be able to create the groups for the Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday hybrid plan to make sure we can follow the protocols in place. The Monday/Thursday and Tuesday/Friday grouping impacts all future planning, not just instruction and transportation. Again, please be reassured, we will give you an opportunity to switch your child's learning plan (from hybrid to distance learning or from distance learning to hybrid) in a few weeks once we have given you all the details necessary to make sure you are comfortable with the model you chose for your child. Together we achieve teamwork.

Once the school year begins, we plan to provide an opportunity for you to change your child's learning plan, as needed, on a monthly basis. We want to work with our families so everyone can succeed, and the plans work in all circumstances. We appreciate you partnering with us and continue to ask for your patience and understanding while we continue to finalize the specific details.

As always, questions or concerns can be directed to [sveinfo@svecsd.org](mailto:sveinfo@svecsd.org) and we will do our best to answer in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

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