

Saranac Central School District

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Good Afternoon,

I am happy to report that we have had another successful week here at Saranac Central School. This week welcomed our 4th graders into our buildings with Morrisonville's 4th grade attending at the Middle School. I was impressed at how smooth that transition went for students. Our faculty and staff did a great job making sure that these students felt welcomed and comfortable.

We are excited to have our 5th and 6th grade students in our buildings on Monday. The entire 5th grade along with the 6th grade will be attending classes in the Middle School building. This will complete the fully in-person portion of our hybrid plan. As of Monday, we will have nearly 800 students attending school in our buildings every day. Our population that chose the fully remote option for school remains around 12%. Our goal remains to begin in-person instruction under our hybrid plan with the remaining grades on November 9th.

The current report from the bus garage is that things are going well. It is certainly quite the balancing act that Ben Perry and his staff are doing. I am impressed by the willingness to do what it takes by all the district bus drivers and transportation staff. I am very appreciative of all the district families for your patience and cooperation with this process. I am also very grateful for those families that can transport their children. This has been such a big help and we really could not pull this off without you. I ask that those families that can transport their children continue to do so.

I also wanted to clear up a question that was asked to me. At the beginning of this school year we asked families to commit to the hybrid plan or remote learning for the first 10 weeks. But specifically, we wanted to make sure that those who chose the fully remote option did not change until at least the end of the first 10 weeks. If families who chose the hybrid plan would like to change over to the fully remote plan, they can do that at any time. The reason for the difference is that an increase of in-person learning students would affect our space in all areas. So, if you currently are signed up for the hybrid plan but want to move to the fully remote plan all you must do is notify your building Principal.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude once again to this entire school community! I continue to be impressed by the commitment and dedication to our students displayed daily by the Saranac administration, faculty, and staff. I am just as impressed by the support that this community gives to this school!

These are very difficult times for all of us in so many ways. The challenges from a school perspective are endless but the challenges from a family perspective are just as challenging. That is why the only way we can get through this situation and crisis is together! I look forward to better days ahead but for now know that the Saranac Central School District is committed to your children and doing as much as we can for them during this time of crisis.

Sincerely,



Javier Perez
Superintendent of Schools