

Board Update: Middle Schools Program Planning 2021



February 4, 2021

Board Direction -- Strategic Cohorts

Implement a Strategic Cohorts plan

- Provide in-person support for "urgent needs" students
--Aiming for February 10
- Provide in-person opportunities for other student groups
for community & connection.

Strategic Cohorts Plan

- Implement Strategic Cohorts: in-person only, occurring on Wednesdays, after school, for approximately 2 to 3 hours.
 - Individual middle schools may also explore running cohorts after school on the other days of the week.
- Continue to prioritize the enrollment of "urgent needs" students for the cohorts.
- Staff the cohorts with teachers who agree to provide in-person mentoring and tutoring.
- MOU complete

Strategic Cohort Plan

- Continue to target February 10 as the starting date for the cohorts, and implementation will be phased in over the Wednesdays in February.
- Continue to plan for additional cohorts of students to come on campus after school, following the launch of the strategic cohorts, for the purposes of community and connection.

Board Direction--Spring Hybrid

Implement Spring Hybrid Plan--beginning after Spring Break

Considerations for Spring Hybrid

- # of Contacts
- Classroom configuration
- Scheduling:
 - Commitment to teacher employment contracts for the year
 - Class offerings set last spring matched with teacher credentials
 - Re-set master schedule based on teacher assignment to Hybrid
- Family communication & Hybrid/FTDL choice
- Hybrid MOU
- Transportation
- Lunch & Break supervision

Moving forward in planning and in negotiations

Simultaneous Fall 2021 Planning

Prepare Fall Academic program

- Plan for Fall 2021 Full Return model
- Plan for Fall 2021 Hybrid-friendly option (in case needed)
- Set staffing plans and draft master schedules, based on these models, beginning now