



HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 500
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August 26, 2020

Dear Homer Schools Community,

I am writing to update you on a recent decision made concerning the reopening of school this September. At the August 25th Board of Education meeting, a change to the school calendar was made in order to give staff more professional development time before welcoming students back to district buildings and at home learning.

Professional staff development days scheduled for November 3rd and November 16th have been moved to September 8th and 9th. **This means that the first day of school for in-person and at home learning will be Thursday, September 10, 2020.** November 3rd and 16th will now be days of student attendance.

Please see the new schedule for the beginning of school and for the phasing in of students.

Student Phase-In Schedule

To enable students, new to their learning environment, an opportunity to acclimate themselves, and to allow staff the chance to implement our health and safety protocols with a reduced number of students, we will follow the schedule below to welcome in-person learners back to school beginning September 10th. Below, please see the schedule we will follow:

Monday, September 7, 2020	Labor Day – No School
Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Staff Development Day – No Students
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Staff Development Day – No Students
Thursday, September 10, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 2, 3, 6 students, Grade 9 (M - Z), Grade 12 (M - Z)
Friday, September 11, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students, and Grade 7 (M - Z) thru Grade 12 (M - Z)
Monday, September 14, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students, Grade 9 (A - L), Grade 12 (A - L)
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	All Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 6 students, and Grade 7 (A - L) thru Grade 12 (A - L)

** Any student not attending school in-person, beginning on September 10, 2020, will be learning from home.

Student schedules, home learning guidance, information about district pre-screening practices, school supply lists, bus route information, etc. will be sent to families before the close of business on Friday, August 28th. If you have any questions concerning your child's status after receiving the mailing from the district, please feel free to contact your child's building principal.

I will continue to update you as additional information about our reopening becomes available. September 10th will be here before we know it! Take care and, as always, thank you for entrusting your child's education to us.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Turck

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Superintendent of Schools