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Hello Dallas Students, Families and Staff Members,

I want to thank you for your patience as we fine tune details of the hybrid schedule. We look forward to bringing our kindergarten and first grade students back into buildings starting with orientation on March 1, 2021.

Reopening plan updates. We received valuable input from parents and staff members about offering live Zoom instruction on days when hybrid students are **not** in the building. Our ability to increase live offerings during offsite days is largely dependent on our highly effective staff and their ability to offer this support on those days. Because of your input, we have created plans for elementary students to receive live Zoom instruction for language arts and math during off site days in our hybrid model. There will also be time for check ins and social/emotional support for students. During the offsite days, students will take asynchronous classes for PE, music, science, social studies and others as outlined in Canvas. Students will also have access to options like live story session to increase their literacy skills. Hybrid students will have no live instruction on Wednesday. This day is reserved for specialist services for students, professional development for staff and time to meet in teams. Our elementary schools will be releasing more detail to parents and students beginning Monday.

CDL Students. For students who remain in comprehensive distance learning, now referred to as **Dallas Online Academy**, our staff will continue to provide live Zoom instruction daily, except for Wednesdays. We are currently working on staffing details but we want to assure you that it will be similar to what students are currently experiencing. These students will also have access to live story time and other reading and math supports.

Middle School and High School Plans. I anticipate the release of projected dates for on-site instruction at the middle and high school by February 26. The model at both schools will likely be a combination of CDL and onsite instruction. We are still refining details and will share more with you by the end of next week.

Finally, you have played a crucial role in helping us deliver high quality online instruction to our students. Thank you! Please stay tuned for more information next week through building communication and our all district community Zoom forum on Wednesday.

As always, please contact me if you have questions or would like to discuss our efforts in Dallas School district. andy.bellando@dspd2.org

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