



EASTON, REDDING, AND REGION 9 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Dear Easton and Redding families:

As you know, the decision to begin the year with a hybrid learning model was to provide time for students, staff, and families to accustom themselves to the health and safety protocols and teaching and learning design that will be part of the 2020 - 2021 school year. Over the past couple of weeks, we have closely monitored our local health data; considered the academic, social and emotional needs of our students and their families; and engaged administrators, teachers, our nursing coordinator, and Board of Education leaders in discussions about our readiness to transition to full in-person learning. Based on those discussions and the positive health data across our communities, we are moving forward with transitioning to full, in-person learning on October 5 per the ER9 Reopening Plan.

Although our current health data supports transitioning to full in-person learning, we understand that some of our families may have lingering concerns regarding the increased number of students in the classroom. To provide additional flexibility, students will be permitted to continue in the hybrid learning model after we transition to in-person learning on October 5. This option will allow preschool through grade 8 families to make an informed decision about the learning model that best meets their individual needs. To mitigate any logistical challenges that may arise because of shifting back and forth between in-person and hybrid, students will be required to remain in their chosen learning model (in-person or hybrid) until Wednesday, November 25. If you'd like for your child(ren) to remain in the hybrid learning model, please click [HERE](#) and fill out a form for each preschool through grade 8 child in your family. *Please note that the temporary learning from home option (TLFH) will continue per state guidelines. If you'd like to opt in or out of TLFH, please contact your child's school.*

During the month of October, administration is proposing the addition of two early release days (October 14 and 28) to the Boards of Education (October 7 and 21 are already scheduled as early release days). These Wednesday afternoons will provide teachers with professional learning time focused on technology integration to support distance learning.

Transportation schedules will be adjusted from hybrid to participating in-person for all students automatically unless a parent completes the survey to indicate continued participation in hybrid. Based on completed survey information, ER9 Schools will provide First Student a list of students that will remain in a hybrid schedule. All other changes to transportation should be communicated from parent to First Student at: telephone - (475) 470-0373 or email - eastonredding.reg9@firstgroupamerica.com

Since school opened, I have been struck by our communities' support for our staff and grateful for the ongoing flexibility of our families. As we move forward, we will continue to monitor both the health of our community in accordance with the ER9 Reopening Plan, and the ongoing implementation of our health and safety protocols. Over the next several weeks, our Stay Open, Stay Engaged Committee, which includes district leaders, building administrators, teachers and our

tri-district nurse coordinator, will continue to meet to identify the best next steps as we head into November and December. Thank you for all you do to support our students and our staff.

Best,



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October ER9 Calendar

Date	K-8 Easton and Redding	Joel Barlow
Mon 10/5	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Tue 10/6	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Wed 10/7	Early Dismissal (Professional Dev.)	Hybrid Early Dismissal Cohort A (Professional Dev.)
Thu 10/8	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B
Fri 10/9	No School (Professional Dev.)	Hybrid Cohort B
Mon 10/12	No School (Columbus Day)	No School (Columbus Day)
Tue 10/13	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Wed 10/14	Early Dismissal (Professional Dev.)*	Full Remote (PSAT & Professional Dev.)*
Thu 10/15	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B
Fri 10/16	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B
Mon 10/19	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Tue 10/20	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Wed 10/21	Early Dismissal (Professional Dev.)	Hybrid Early Dismissal Cohort B (Professional Dev.)
Thu 10/22	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B
Fri 10/23	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B
Mon 10/26	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Tue 10/27	All-in	Hybrid Cohort A
Wed 10/28	Early Dismissal (Professional Dev.)*	Hybrid Early Dismissal Cohort A (Professional Dev.)*
Thu 10/29	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B
Fri 10/30	All-in	Hybrid Cohort B

**Subject to Board approval.*