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Dear Inter-Lakes Families,

On Monday night the Inter-Lakes School Board approved our opening plan for the 2020 – 2021 school year. A full copy of this plan can be found on our School District website www.interlakes.org. It is important to understand that it is a dynamic plan that will respond as circumstances evolve.

Families will have three (3) different learning models to choose from this year and will be asked to select the option that best meets their needs given the current situation. The learning models are outlined beginning on page two (2) of this correspondence. It is recognized that this is a challenging decision for families to make and that the weight of this decision must feel impossible. **As you struggle to analyze the many different factors, please do not hesitate to contact your child's School Principal to learn more about the choices.** Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has developed some tools to assist families in the decision making process which you may find helpful:

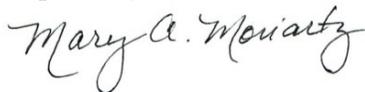
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/decision-tool.html>

In order for us to appropriately plan, we are asking that families communicate their decision to us by Wednesday, August 12th. **Please “register” your child(ren) using the links below; families with multiple children, please complete by school a separate form for each child.** The links will also be posted on our homepage.

In addition to which learning model families are selecting, families will also be asked to indicate if they will be utilizing transportation this school year. **My plea to families, if you are able to transport your children, please do so – we need your help! Adjustments are planned for traffic patterns at each school to limit congestion.** Additionally, transportation will be focused on prioritizing travel to and from school and many of the special circumstances accommodated in the past will not be able to take place this year.

This is going to be a challenging year no doubt. Many things are uncertain, although, one thing that is certain is by working together we can overcome the difficulties we face in a more positive and meaningful manner which will lead to better outcomes for our schools and greater communities. Our families are in our thoughts and we wish you well with the coming days and the choices ahead.

Respectfully,



Mary A. Moriarty
Superintendent of Schools

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**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR STUDENT(S) BY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH**

Registration Links:

- [Sandwich Central School](#)
- [Inter-Lakes Elementary School](#)
- [Inter-Lakes Middle/High School](#)

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING MODELS FOR 2020 – 2021

Inter-Lakes Virtual Learning Academy

Important information – If the use of VLACS is deterring you from selecting this option, I am encouraging you to still select it, if it is your desired choice.

The more concrete number we have from families who want to be virtual the more we may be able to shift other resources within the School District to support this pathway. Also, many have asked, what if the school ends up in a “remote” mode, will those that are in the virtual pathway shift to the school remote option. Those in the virtual pathway will remain in the virtual pathway even if those in the physical pathway go remote as they may shift from remote back to physically in person learning. If the desire is to be virtual and not physically in person at all, this selection meets that criteria.

- Students who are registered for this option, virtual, continue to be students in the Inter-Lakes School District. Additionally, they will remain assigned to their school of record.
- In order to strengthen our ability to successfully support this option for families, Mr. Hillger, Principal Sandwich Central School, will assume the additional responsibility of serving as the Principal of the Inter-Lakes Virtual Learning Academy. The assignment of this leadership oversight will be to ensure that our learners receiving instruction in a virtual environment continue to be connected to their peers and school community. This continued connection and sense of community are priorities no matter the learning model selected.
- At this time, academic coursework will be provided through the instructors and programming offered through the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School.* Additional staff will be assigned to support learners enrolled in virtual learning; at this stage, this includes one (1) elementary teacher assigned to support learners in grades K – 6 and one (1) non-teaching position assigned to support learners in grades 7 - 12.

**On Thursday afternoon, I learned that VLACS’s present ability to increase sufficiently for the current statewide demand is being taxed, which may mean other virtual options will need to be in place instead of VLACS. I appreciate that it is frustrating not to have all the answers at this time; concrete numbers for families “registering” for the virtual pathway will allow us to reevaluate our School District’s resources and how this option is supported.*

- Students enrolled virtually, if eligible, will receive special education and 504 services. These services will be managed and provided by Inter-Lakes School District staff.
- Guidance services will be provided by Inter-Lakes School District staff.
- Required materials necessary for virtual learning will be provided by the Inter-Lakes School District.
- Students enrolled virtually, if eligible, may participate in athletic and co-curricular activities.

Descriptions

Physically In Person with Tiers:

Tiers: Full Physically In Person, Reduced Physically In Person, Partial Remote, Full Remote

Please note, that there are expectations, such as wearing a face covering (further outlined in the Opening Plan) that those in attendance will be expected to comply with for this model.

- The Inter-Lakes School District is scheduled to begin on September 8 with a staggered schedule of grade levels that School Principals will communicate to families.
- **On Monday, September 14**, the School District is scheduled to be Full Physically In Person, unless circumstances have impacted this decision and the School District needs to adjust to another Tier.
- Families selecting this option will need to have plans in place to address potential movement through the Tiers at any point in the school year. On a monthly basis a prediction for the upcoming month will be made, however, circumstances can adjust that prediction.

Combination Model:

Some Physically In Person and Some Virtual

- At the elementary level, the physically in person classes for the combination model will be limited to English Language Arts and/or mathematics classes only.
- At the middle/high school levels, the physically in person classes will be open to all classes available at the student's grade level.
- Times for the Physically In Person portion will be dependent on class/school schedules.
- Families will assume the responsibility for transportation to and from for the Physically In Person classes.