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Dear OCUSD #4 Students, Parents, and Community,

The Oblong CUSD #4 reopening plan is currently being developed by a team of teachers, administrators, and support staff. This plan will be in place during Phase 4 and is subject to change if our region moves to a different Phase or if new guidance requirements are issued by the Illinois State Board of Education and/or Illinois Department Public Health. The plan is currently in draft form as changes occur daily.

Listed below are a few key details about the reopening plan. The first day of student attendance is Friday, August 21st.

- All students, staff, and visitors will follow the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) requirements that include daily symptom screening, social distancing, and face coverings.
- Students will return for In-Person Learning. This plan may include a school day shortened by approximately 1 hour. Any student returning for In-Person Learning must follow the IDPH guidelines.
- Students who have an elevated health risk or a family member with an elevated health risk or those students that are not comfortable with In-Person Learning may choose the Remote Learning Option. Students will not be able to move back and forth from one option to the other. Students on the Remote Learning Option may move to In-Person Learning at the beginning of the next grading period.
- Traditional letter grades will be assigned to ALL students (In-Person and Remote) along with daily attendance.
- Any student who is required to self-quarantine will transition to the Remote Learning Option for the duration of the quarantine period.
- Any student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 must follow IDPH guidelines before returning to school.
- If an individual had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, he/she must self-quarantine for 14 days. Close contact is defined as closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes. During the quarantine period, students will participate in remote learning.
- Visitors to the schools will be extremely limited in order to help keep our students and staff safe.
- Students will be allowed to bring a clear water bottle with a lid, daily. As we will not be using the water fountains.
- We will work to use social distancing as much as possible in and out of the classroom.
- Increased daily cleaning protocols will be established.

More information will be released as soon as it becomes available. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the guidance provided to us from ISBE and the IDPH. Our top priority is returning to school while keeping students and staff healthy.

Sincerely,



Jeff Patchett
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