February 12, 2021

Dear Highland Park Senior High School Families:

Thank you for your support as we continue the school year in distance learning. We are excited to be starting in-person academic support at our school the week of February 22 for specific students. Students who qualify for this in-person support were identified based on specific academic or special needs criteria. You are receiving this communication because your child qualifies to attend this program and is encouraged to attend. It is important to remember that this support program is in addition to the morning classes students still must attend.

Here are a few important details about what to expect when in-person support begins:

**Schedule**
Students will come to school only on their assigned days from 12:30pm-3:00pm based on their last names. It is extremely important students only come on the assigned days below and are expected to stay the entire time.

- Last names: A-L, Grades 9-12, Attend Monday & Tuesday only
- Last names: M-Z, Grades 9-12, Attend Wednesday & Thursday only

During this time students will be receiving academic tutoring and also have access to emotional support if needed. Students will not necessarily be meeting with their current teachers but will have access to subject matter teachers who can tutor students. Students must bring a fully charged ipad as well as any other school materials such as textbooks, notebooks, calculator and writing utensils. Students will be assigned to a specific classroom which can be looked up in Campus. There will be no more than ten students per classroom and the classroom is set up for safe social distancing.

**Attendance**
In-person support is optional and does not affect attendance. All students will remain in distance learning as their primary learning model. In-person time will be used to support distance learning, not to teach new material. However, if a student is scheduled for in-person support and does not come, the family will be notified.

**Transportation**
The bus stop routes are included in this mailing. Some students will have a longer walk to the bus stop than past years as the normal bus routes are not currently being provided. Please find and take the bus closest to where you live.
**Building Access for Families**

Students must be dropped off outside school entrances. Students cannot be escorted by family members to their classrooms or anywhere else inside the building. In addition, families will not be allowed to have lunch, observe a class, volunteer, or engage in any other activities in school buildings.

**COVID-19 Student and Family Guidelines**

Families returning to school should familiarize themselves with these guidelines, which are updated regularly and cover prevention strategies, health screening and monitoring, exclusion guidance, and the SPPS COVID-19 Reporting System.

**Health Screening**

Families should conduct a health screening every morning before sending their student to school or the bus stop. School staff will also monitor for symptoms throughout the school day. **If your child is exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms, do not send them to school.** Report the absence to your child’s school and submit a report to the COVID-19 Reporting System the same day for next steps.

**Face Coverings**

K-12 students, staff and visitors are required to wear a face covering unless medically exempt. Everyone should provide their own face coverings whenever possible. However, masks will be available at school and on the bus for anyone who needs them.

**Sick Students**

Students who become sick during the school day will be isolated (under supervision) until they can be picked up. It is important that sick students are picked up as soon as possible to limit the risk to other students and staff. **Please make sure your contact information is up to date in Campus.**

**Meal Service**

Free meals will be provided to all students during in-person support. Students will be provided a lunch to go to eat in their assigned classroom upon arrival and a dinner to go when the program ends at 3:00pm. In addition, meal boxes are available to pick up at several schools throughout Saint Paul, including at the Highland Middle School in the parking lot. Home delivery is available for students who are medically fragile or cannot leave their home to pick up meals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Winston H. Tucker
Principal