



Sturgis Charter Public School  
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Dear Sturgis Families,

This week has brought excellent news regarding vaccinations for educators. The coming weeks and months will provide great relief!

I have two updates for you. Below, please find some important information, sectioned for clarity's sake.

Choosing Hybrid/In-Person or Fully Remote for Fourth Quarter:

Sturgis' fourth marking period begins Monday, April 5th, and you have the same option as the previous three quarters of this school year. On Monday, March 8th, we will email you a survey. Please declare whether you choose **hybrid/in-person** for your child during the fourth marking period, or if you choose the **fully remote option** for your child. The deadline for survey completion is Friday, March 19th. Please note that all social distancing (6 foot spacing) and mitigation procedures (masks, sanitizing, etc.) remain unchanged for the fourth marking period.

Additionally, for those parents who choose the hybrid/in-person option, we are asking whether you would like an additional in-person day further into the fourth quarter (likely beginning in May). Please note that we will only consider this scenario if our [task force processes](#) reveal that it is possible for us to offer additional time. As you consider a potential second day, please note that such an arrangement would potentially involve classrooms moving from a 6-foot space between desks to 3-4 feet. Also, please consider transportation logistics (as, for example, students riding Barnstable busses will not be able to ride an additional day).

Parents who choose the fully remote option for their child for the fourth quarter will not have the opportunity to change their mind and/or gain a potential second day. I apologize for that inconvenience.



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I will communicate later in April regarding our determination about potential extra in-person days of instruction for students.

IB Assessment Route for Seniors (and some Juniors)

We received confirmation from the International Baccalaureate Organization yesterday that Sturgis is authorized to take the “non-exam” route for the 2020-21 school year. This means that seniors (and juniors taking one-year IB courses) will not sit IB exams in May. Instead, students will receive IB scores for their classes based on a metric devised by the IB that incorporates a student’s performance on their IB Internal Assessments, as well as the predicted IB grades provided by the school (in accordance with Sturgis students’ historical assessment performance).

Clearly stated, our students will earn fair and valid IB grades in the safest way possible for our entire community. Also, senior IB Diploma candidates are still eligible for the same IB Diploma they would have received via the normal examination route. I greatly appreciate the IB Organization’s determination.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Paul Marble  
Executive Director