

# Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2

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Good afternoon.

On Thursday, July 23rd, the Illinois State Board of Education released [new guidance](#) regarding the reopening of schools in Illinois for Fall 2020. This new guidance now includes opportunities for parents/guardians to choose either an **at-home remote instruction option** OR **in-person at school learning** option for **ALL** students.

As a result of this change, we anticipate that a significant number of parents/guardians will opt to select remote instruction for their child(ren). Thus, the district's Strategic Planning Committee revised its re-opening plan and has developed the following schedule to address both in-person and remote instruction. This plan is based on the assumption that many parents/guardians have a strong desire for remote instruction. Should the demand for remote instruction not be as anticipated the following plan is subject to change.

The district's Strategic Planning Committee has developed the following schedule to address both in-person and remote instruction. Specifically, the district will offer the following in-person schedule for the Fall semester:

8:00 AM to 11:45 AM	In-Person Instruction at each building (students may purchase a "grab and go" lunch)
11:45 AM to 12:00 PM	Dismissal of Students/Buses
12:00 to 12:30 PM	Teacher Lunch
12:30 to 1:30 PM	Teacher Planning Period
1:30 to 3:15 PM	Teacher Office Hours/Check-In for Remote Instruction

\*This schedule would likely change if our area is moved to Phase 5 by the Governor.

The district will also work to provide child care for families of students that participate in in-person learning at Bonfield Grade School, Herscher Intermediate School, and Limestone Middle School. Spots will be limited and parents/guardians will need to pick up their child(ren) by 3:05 PM. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Our aim is to provide the same learning experiences for students participating in remote instruction as in-person instruction. For remote learners, teachers will provide learning expectations, a guide to lessons, and assignments at the beginning of each week. Additionally, teachers will update students with any relevant learning videos and/or other learning resources that correspond to instruction occurring in the classroom on a daily basis.

**It is vital that you take a couple of minutes to review and complete the form below, so we can best prepare for the start of the school year. Please click on the link below to complete the form by this Monday, August 3, 2020. Thank you!**

We appreciate your feedback and patience as we work to provide the best possible education for your students in this unparalleled time.

Link to [In-Person or Remote Instruction Selection Form for Herscher CUSD 2](#)

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent

\*Sometimes links do not work on certain phones. If this is the case for you, these links will also be posted on the District website and Facebook.

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