

## St. Martin Parish School Board

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Dear Parents,

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As you are well aware, our middle and high school students have been following a hybrid schedule since the beginning of school on September 8, 2021. With the uncertainty surrounding the COVID 19 virus, we began the year following a hybrid schedule with student and staff safety in mind.

Several districts in our area have transitioned from a hybrid schedule to regular full attendance, five days per week. Some districts transitioned from the hybrid schedule as early as the end of September and others later in the fall. These districts have not experienced elevated transmission rates after their return to full in-person instruction. After considering the data, we have found nearly all COVID positive cases are community spread and not spread within the schools. The transmission rates in the school system is very low leading us to feel very strongly that the best place for children is indeed in the classroom. This is also proof that our safety measures are working.

Therefore, all middle and high school students in St. Martin Parish will return to full in-person instruction five days per week beginning on THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021. The third nine week grading period and second semester begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 so students will start the second half of the year on a regular schedule.

Your Partner in Education,

Allen Blanchard, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools

St. Martin Parish