

Lincoln-Way Community,

At the July 13, 2020 meeting, the Board of Education discussed three options for re-opening in the fall.

The options for re-opening were developed to meet the requirements released on June 23, 2020 by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the [Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan](#).

The three options discussed with the Board of Education were:

1. Full In-Person Learning: Following IDPH/ISBE guidelines, which include requiring face coverings, prohibiting more than 50 individuals gathering in one space, and social distancing as much as possible.
2. Blended Learning-A/B Days: Following IDPH/ISBE guidelines, Blended Learning-A/B Days focuses on limiting the total number of people in a building on a daily basis. Students would be split alphabetically into: Group A: Last Name A – L and Group B: Last Name M – Z. A Day students attend In-Person while B students are Remote; B Day students attend In-Person while A students are Remote.
3. Remote Learning: Teachers will meet with students Remotely on an A/B schedule according to class period. A Day Classes: Periods 1 – 4, B Day Classes: Periods 5 – 7, Zero Hour. The student school day is 9:00 – 2:30 with 3 - 4 hours of synchronous remote instruction and 1-2 hours of asynchronous Remote Learning.

Additionally, Lincoln-Way surveyed parents, students, and staff for feedback on a variety of re-opening options. After receiving more than 6,000 responses, 88% of parents, 86% of students, and 88% of teachers chose Full In-Person or Blended Learning-A/B Days as their first two choices, indicating a desire to return to some form of in-person instruction and learning.

While this continues to be a fluid situation based upon the conditions and guidance at this time, the plan to re-open in the fall is Blended Learning-A/B Days. This will allow for in-person learning while increasing social distancing recommended due to the large size of our schools and the number of students. Details outlining the Lincoln-Way District 210 Re-Opening and a list of FAQs can be found on our [WEBSITE](#).

For parents who chose not to have their child attend class in-person according to the Blended Learning-A/B Day schedule, a Remote Learning option is available. If parents choose this option, a commitment must be made by July 26, 2020. This commitment is for the entire first semester and needs to be communicated by completing this [FORM](#).

The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. I thank you for your continued patience as we work through the details of our Re-Opening Plan. Please note that our planning remains fluid as we continue to respond to guidance provided by ISBE/IDPH. We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,
Superintendent R. Scott Tingley