

The information you need in order to make
Your Decision for Semester 2

Looking ahead to the second semester, thinking about in-person or online education, and each of us making important decisions.

As I have mentioned in *Mustang Minutes*, our school board is currently considering the possibility of providing face-to-face teaching and learning at some point in the second semester. We all know this is not an easy decision. The number of novel coronavirus cases has grown, along with hospitalization rates, both here and throughout the country, and our state officials are speaking to that with their targeted shut down of some activities. For sure we all need to be more careful than ever.

We all understand the importance of teachers and students working together in person, and we all want to keep our sons and daughters and our community safe. Perhaps most importantly, we respect one another and know that each family must decide which of those two values is most important to them.

If approved by the school board on November 23rd, the plan could result in really big changes to our secondary instructional program for the second semester of this school year, and as a family, you will be asked to make yet another critically important decision for your son or daughter: whether to continue with virtual instruction to move to a face-to-face mode during the second semester. Getting this feedback from you will be essential for all of us succeeding in finalizing and carrying out this proposed plan, and you will likely be asked to make that decision sometime on or before **Wednesday, December 2nd**.

So between now and then, it is our responsibility to get you all the information and implications possible so you can make the best and most thoughtful decision for your daughter or son.

How we will get you that information starts now.

Step 1 Please take a look at our Semester 2 Understandings of the proposed plan and their implications

This is our effort to give you an overall sense of some of the elements that might go into your own family's decision -- and how your decisions will affect others. This is not a comprehensive take on the road ahead; instead it is to get us thinking so we are prepared for Step 2. You can access the Semester 2 Understandings document here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u1RQ9SUUZJlYl0oFuHf_VbIS-RsqhTOhFqiGhiDzh_Q/edit?usp=sharing

Too, if you like hearing more than reading, check out this video:

<https://youtu.be/7E25jj220Xc>

Here we walk you through the resources we are pulling together so you have the information to make the best decision possible for your family.

Step 2 An FAQ for Semester 2



We were blown out of the water by the incredibly productive and positive response to our FAQ at the start of the year. Not only was it a helpful tool for communication, truly your questions guided our thinking and work. After you have read “Semester 2 Understandings and Implications,” we hope that you will contribute questions here at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4qKyorqAqT31VcUtGSFqcybUU473wsoBXiCuNlw3mwXGK0g/viewform?usp=sf_link

The questions you submit will be added to our Semester 2 FAQ, which you can find at the link below. We will respond to any questions that we have answers for now, and we will also let you know which questions we will have to wait to answer later, when we have more definitive information to share. Thank you again for contributing your questions.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/17WSVbSQq9hH2FaGkoUm32t5YcGDsHGjMOEjV_g6HuCg/edit?usp=sharing

Step 3 **Keep reading** our weekly *Mustang Minutes* emails for important updates.

Step 4 **Parent and Student Informational Sessions**

For some of you, reading the information above will be all you need to make the right decision for your daughter or son. But sometimes nothing beats a real conversation. We will be holding the following community informational sessions, so please mark your calendars. We will send links for you to sign up Thanksgiving week.

What	When	Where
Online session	Monday morning at 7-8:30, Nov. 30 Use this link: https://meet.google.com/fsr-baob-bcx	Google Meet
Online session	Tuesday evening at 7-8:30, Dec. 1 Use this link: https://meet.google.com/bww-xoxp-bxv	Google Meet
Online session	Wednesday evening at 7-8:30, Dec. 2 Use this link: https://meet.google.com/emf-hapm-ikt	Google Meet

Thanks for staying engaged in this important discussion. We will need all of us to make the best decisions for all our kids, together.