Elementary Virtual Parent Forum Chat Dialog Wednesday, August 12th

TeachingChickadee5:30 PM
Regarding the virtual option and working parents, will instruction be recorded? Can students tune in at family convenience to watch instruction and turn in assignments flexibly within reasonable time?

Laura Tremblay5:31 PM
I already went on the portal and elected hybrid for my student - how do I go about switching that selection based upon the new information regarding masks?

Joe DeFour5:32 PM
Great questions Teaching and Lauar :) Laura*

Brenda Kirkbride5:32 PM
I also would like to edit my child's profile and can't seem to do so

wendy eichler5:32 PM
When will we get a daily schedule for online learning?

Angela Aymen5:33 PM
If we select the virtual option - when will we have the opportunity to switch to in person learning?

Joe DeFour5:33 PM
Why the change for face masks k-5? This is a game changer for me. Considering there will be 12-15 students MAX per day per classroom. And the social distancing should be enough.
Also, the cohort schedule, can we make it 2 days in person then 2 days remote? It would make it easier to schedule for working parents.

Joshua Johnston5:34 PM
I noticed in the email that the online cohort seems to be doing afternoon sessions. Is that in addition to the morning or instead of the morning 4 hours?

Kimberly Catrinar5:34 PM
How do I request two hot spots? One for each child? Are you offering this?

Addison Ziebell5:35 PM
Does the hybrid option not have instruction in the afternoon?

Joe DeFour5:35 PM
Clarification: 2 days in a row in person and 2 days in a row remote

Jennifer Chambers5:35 PM
In update sent yesterday, in the hybrid model under Step #3 it says "New instruction daily" - can you clarify what this means? What level of instruction is offered in step #1 and # 2?

Jeff Pallister5:35 PM
Is there an opportunity for our child to attend SACC after their half day for Hybrid classes?

Viviana Randazzo5:35 PM
Were the survey results released yet?

chris holloway5:35 PM
Curious if the cohorts will be rebalanced to an even amount? Right now c1 attends 12 days In the month of September and c2 only attends 8. If I am valuing in person education then I would want me children to be in c1.

Jennie W5:36 PM
We need to know how much live instruction our kids will receive whether they are in person or the remote options.

chris holloway5:36 PM
What is the final decision of pre-K-5 mask protocol?

Lauren Scroi5:36 PM
How can you ensure parents are not putting their kids at a disadvantage by choosing the virtual option.

Steve Hetra5:37 PM
are the kids able to move to in person later in the school year?

Troy Wilcox5:37 PM
what is expected of children while remote learning? Will they have to check in at certain times?

Lupita L5:37 PM
How many hours would children be taught if they are virtual when we go full day?

Sara Fields5:38 PM
I believe you have to commit to the Trimester for whatever option you choose, and then can reevaluate your choice. Not sure if that changed at all, but that was how I understood it.

Janelle Danyko5:38 PM
What about croswell program for pre-k?

Kim Stewart5:39 PM
how do I see the slides?

Addison Ziebell5:40 PM
I don't see them either

Leaf5:40 PM
How will parent pick-up work? Especially at Indian Hills. Many parents will be driving their kids instead of the bus. I'm curious how this will work, considering the limited amount of parking spaces, parents gathering in the cafeteria, etc..

Crystal Plascencia5:40 PM
Will our children be able to attend SACC after their half day with Hybrid? I'm a single parent- ACTIVE DUTY Military. I work full time. I chose traditional with the assumption our children would be in school majority of the day- all week. I understand this is stressful to every parent. If theirs after school daycare or anything that can assist us. Please let me know.

Katie Antrup5:42 PM
to see the slides try clicking on the three dots and then "change layout" or "full screen"

Emily Dominguez5:42 PM
Will preschool still be attending?

Katie Antrup5:43 PM
Do we still need to select in-person/hybrid for Young Fives?

Addison Ziebell5:43 PM
Click on Selden name and you can see slides

Stacey Stemple5:43 PM
If you're on a smart phone, we can not see screen

wendy eichler5:44 PM
You should be able to see the screen on a phone.

Janelle Danyko5:44 PM
Also children that have learning disabilities will there be help virtually for those children?

Roger Bennett5:44 PM
@Katie Antrup, yes a selection needs to be made for students in young fives

Katie Antrup5:44 PM

Thank you!

Carrie Gizoni 5:45 PM
Thank you

Chris Cardinale 5:45 PM
i dont feel safe at work but i still have to go to ity everyday.

it not ity

Jenny Berry 5:48 PM
can you please address the question in registration gateway that asks "if necessary my child can be enrolled in online classes....may include credit recovery"
what does that question mean for k-8?

Jessica Gortat 5:49 PM
If we choose hybrid can we choose to just do the in person portion and supplement our child's education with additional in person instruction by other means (private tutor, etc...). IE can we do the 2 in person and opt out of the remote?

Viviana Randazzo 5:49 PM
can masks be a personal decision and not reqiured?

Jessica Gortat 5:50 PM
When will we know what Cohort our child is in ? And will children with special needs still be getting their OT, PT, speech and resource room with that limited time in the classroom?

Roger Bennett 5:50 PM
@Jenny Berry, that question is not applicable to K-8

Chris Cardinale 5:50 PM
@jessica, great question

Sara Fields 5:51 PM
Because cohorts are going to alternate, and not go back-to-back, will the classrooms be deep cleaned every night prior to the new group coming in the next day? I know that is a HUGE task now, with everything taking place.

Lauren Scroi 5:51 PM
All elementary schools are old (outside of Hevel) what measures have been taken to improve the ventilation in the buildings?

Heather Veres 5:51 PM
How does all of this affect the preschool? Will there still be a M/W/F session for the 4 year olds?

Viviana Randazzo 5:52 PM
Does this mean no student teachers in phase 4?

Katelyn Peabody 5:52 PM
What would drop off for first day of kindergarten look like for our kids?

Christine Hamilton 5:52 PM
How are the Cohorts selected? Are we able to request which days the kids go?

Pamela Rouse 5:53 PM
Katelyn, I had the same question

William Graper 5:53 PM
Can we change from online to in person one we go to Phase 5 and not wait for the next trimester?

Viviana Randazzo 5:54 PM
Can you adjust your transportation need prior to end of trimester?

Pamela Rouse 5:54 PM

Who do I talk to about the hand sanitizer and finding out ingredients (some include milk and my child is allergic to dairy)?

Jackson Goike5:54 PM
Its not safe to drive with a mask, will the bus driver be in a mask?

Jaclyn Hudgens5:54 PM
If we opt out of bussing now, can we sign back up if we go to Phase 5

Shelley Rosso5:54 PM
Christine- At the Board meeting it was mentioned cohorts would be alphabetical

chris holloway5:55 PM
I was in the car when Mr Robinson spoke to masks for elementary. I heard the lead up to the back and forth but wasn't clear on any final decision. Is it still up in the air or is it currently mandatory from this point forward?

Joshua Johnston5:55 PM
I believe the bus drivers will have to wear masks, yes. As one, I'm a little concerned about that.

Shelley Rosso5:55 PM
Up in the air

Christina Kerner5:55 PM
If kids do have to wear mask will they get to take them off when at recess or outside gym

Katelyn Peabody5:55 PM
still up in the air @Chris, Holloway

chris holloway5:56 PM
Thanks Katelyn!

Andrea Hasse5:57 PM
@Pamela Rouse- I will look into those ingredients for you.

Abbie Paoletti5:57 PM
What measures will be taken if a child is tested positive for COVID?
I cannot see the slides

Roger Bennett5:57 PM
@Pamela Rouse, Don Gratton, Director of operations is securing our hand sanitizer and I'm sure he can provide you the

ingredient list. His email is mailto:Don.gratton@romeok12.org

Jennie W5:58 PM
Will our students have ONE dedicated teacher - whether they are hybrid or remote or will they receive instruction from any RCS teacher like they did this past Spring?

Brenda Kirkbride5:58 PM
I was wondering the same Jennie.

Pamela Rouse5:59 PM
Thank you Mrs. Hasse and Roger!

William Graper5:59 PM
Will the online teacher be from their school of just within the district?

Joe DeFour5:59 PM
If my daughter starts the school year in person and finds that she is having difficulty with wearing her mask while in the classroom. Can we switch to online?

Jessica Gortat5:59 PM
@Rogerbennett thank you!

Jenny Berry5:59 PM

Is there any way the district could allow kids to ride the bus that are normally too close to the school to get bussing? if my child could get a bus ride home she would not need SACC and that would free up a spot for someone else.

Jessica Gortat5:59 PM
Thank you mary selden

Brenda Kirkbride5:59 PM
Is it only instruction in the mornings if you are doing g hybrid. Or do you come home and have further instruction online?

Roger Bennett6:00 PM
You're welcome! I want everyone to know I'm doing my best to get all the questions on a list and ask them when appropriate. Thanks for all your patience!

Janelle Danyko6:00 PM
Thank you @rogerbennett

Robert Tyson6:00 PM
If we decide to have a child go virtual and they need extra reading assistance, will they receive it?

Jessica Gortat6:00 PM
If we choose hybrid can we choose to just do the in person portion and supplement our child's education with additional in person instruction by other means (private tutor, etc...). IE can we do the 2 in person and opt out of the remote?

Roger Bennett6:01 PM
@william Graper our current plan is that students will be taught by teachers from their school

Lupita L6:03 PM
Is it to late to fill out the SACC forms?

Katelyn Peabody6:03 PM
my biggest question is how will attendance be for remote learning? When/how do they have to "check in" - working parents have the option to do school in the evening and daycare during the day on remote days?

Angela Aymen6:03 PM
will the same teachers be teaching both remote and in person?

Viviana Randazzo6:03 PM
Will work and plans for Phases outside of 4 be finalized in any predetermined time frame? Will they be shared with parents in advance of any changes to any phase movements?

chris holloway6:04 PM
Will the cohorts be rebalanced for the month of September?

Brenda Kirkbride6:04 PM
Great question @Chris Holloway

Roger Bennett6:04 PM
I'm seeing several questions regarding SACC. It will be available and it is not too late to enroll. I believe this will be addressed later in the presentation.

Crystal Plascencia6:05 PM
Thank you @rogerBennet

Tess Chind6:05 PM
Is the hybrid for all students or is there fully online for students

Sara Fields6:06 PM
Tess - You can choose either option - Hybrid or full remote

Jennie W6:07 PM

If we move to phase 5 before the trimester, would cohort 3 start going in person right away at that point?

Brenda Kirkbride6:07 PM
Where can we find the school hours?

Sara Fields6:08 PM
Brenda - They still haven't announced what the end time would be.

Same start times as last year - I believe

Tess Chind6:08 PM
Ok thank you and can i continue fully online for the rest of the year

Brenda Kirkbride6:08 PM
When do we find out teachers? Is their in person teacher the same as their remote teacher?

Megan Von palubitzki6:09 PM
Will the kids have a snack time since lunch isn't included during the day?

Chris Cardinale6:09 PM
I'm curious how this will work for parents that both work full time jobs from 7 am till 5 pm M-F

steve wedge6:09 PM
"full attendance is not permitted until we reach phase 5"...is this the school's decision or state requirement? The MI

roadmap indicates in-person instruction is permitted with required safety protocols

Nicki Michelis6:10 PM
school

Crystal Plascencia6:10 PM
@Chris that's my concern.

William Graper6:10 PM
im sure it is for most

Katelyn Peabody6:11 PM
when will we know when these specific times to engage live with their teachers be - working parents have to plan

Crystal Plascencia6:11 PM
@William.. I agree.

Christina Kerner6:12 PM
What are the times for the 4 hr days

Pamela Rouse6:12 PM
Yes, really need times so we can speak to our employers please

Jennifer Lane6:12 PM
Will the kids get their ipads or will we use our own ?

Viviana Randazzo6:12 PM
Thank you for lunch in the lunchroom!

Jennifer Chambers6:13 PM
In the hybrid model, with kids in school for 4 hours a day, will the teachers remain in the Building for the remainder of a typical school day, and receive PD for teaching virtually? Or will teachers be working half days during this time?

Scott Baden6:13 PM
We are new to the district, but will snacks be allowed in the class room?

Claire Heaney6:13 PM
What about snack time for lower elementary kids in the classroom?

Crystal Plascencia6:14 PM

Thank you for the hours.

Katelyn Peabody6:14 PM
do kids need to be present Online (remote days) during that whole time... how is attendance addressed

TeachingChickadee6:14 PM
Regarding the virtual option and working parents, will instruction be recorded? Can students tune in at family convenience to watch instruction and turn in assignments flexibly within reasonable time?

wendy eichler6:14 PM
For online will it be done at 1;00 or 1:05

Angela Aymen6:14 PM
so does online learning (Cohert 3) start after 1pm?

Jeff Pallister6:14 PM
I would also like to know when the kindergarten classes will get their ipad's?

Noemi Palazzolo6:14 PM
Where do we communicate our decision? Thaks

thanks

Melissa Mikhjian Steffens6:14 PM
Will the students in cohort 3 have an opportunity to meet their teacher in person, and if they transition to in-person at the end of the trimester will they have the same teacher?

Joshua Johnston6:14 PM
Can we get a similar answer for the online only cohort? Due to arrangements being necessary, times would be extremely valuable information

Katelyn Peabody6:15 PM
@noemi you should have a letter with login information do select online via a portal

Tess Chind6:16 PM
If we have more questions who can we reach out to to talk ask these questions too

John Adamus6:16 PM
I thought full day wasn't until phase 5. Is Oct 1st going to be full day no matter what? Or could that change?

Joe DeFour6:16 PM
Will it all be possible to meet our childrens teacher? We are new to the district and I only know of a few teachers at Ham Par. I would like to meet in person or virtual.

Don Rouse6:16 PM
Are you going to create a training or a tutorial for parents showing them how to utilize the Ipads or Chromebook specific apps to make helping our children at home easier? It is difficult to help teach when you know nothing about the apps yourself.

Irina Sybrandy6:17 PM
What times are for cohort 3?

Julia Cherfoli6:17 PM
Agree Don

Theresa Hribar6:18 PM
If we attend virtual for the first trimester, and becomes safe to attend in person in second trimester, will there be space for our child to attend SACC because working parents will have to return to work?

Jennie W6:18 PM

Will a teacher be teaching all three cohorts, or will each cohort be teacher specific? So will cohort 3 get no live instruction or support from their teachers in the morning if the teacher is teaching cohort 1/2 live at that time?

Noemi Palazzolo6:20 PM
Thanks Katelyn

Phil & Kelly Zimmer6:21 PM
If we choose online and want to continue online are we able to

Amanda Chargot6:21 PM
What is the estimate on class size for the in person hybrid option?

Shelley Rosso6:23 PM
Are the desks 6 feet apart?

Crystal Plascencia6:23 PM
Good question @ Amanda..

Rachel Palmer6:23 PM
teaching kids to clean their desks and area when they are done is not a bad thing -- it is a learning opportunity

Jeff Pallister6:23 PM
Since the kids will be attending half days for a while, how will you ensure that their education is on track with their peers?

Shelley Rosso6:24 PM
Agreed Rachel, even if child safe items are used for practice.

Alex Kourtesis6:24 PM
Will the online teacher be the same teacher every session or will it be similar to the spring with teachers from different schools

Joe DeFour6:24 PM
I agree @rachel palmer, I think the issue is having the younger children using chemicals and the legalities to the district if an adverse reaction to those chemicals.

Paul Kitko6:24 PM
Agree with @Rachel

Jessica Gortat6:24 PM
If we choose hybrid can we choose to just do the in person portion and supplement our child's education with additional in person instruction by other means (private tutor, etc...). IE can we do the 2 in person and opt out of the remote?

Sara Fields6:25 PM
Because cohorts alternate, will the buildings be disinfected thoroughly between the different cohorts? I asked earlier, but this is probably a more appropriate time to ask.

GRACIE B6:25 PM
Will elementary students have gym class?

Jessica Gortat6:25 PM
sorry didn't mean to submit that again...

Steve Hetra6:25 PM
how is baseline testing going to happen for the kids who are online learning? Can we do it on a timed app via the district provided technolgy (ipad/computer)

Scott Baden6:25 PM
Will there be any sort of diagram showing what classroom setups would potentially look like?

Sara Fields6:25 PM

Could you maybe post pictures of what the classrooms will look like?

Lauren Scroi6:25 PM
@Roger Bennett How has the HVAC systems been improved

Jessica Gortat6:26 PM
what does the remote platform look like? I'm not familiar with Schoology? Is it interactive? Is it live? Can we do it at our childs leisure throughout the day?

Irina Sybrandy6:26 PM
Will virtual students get 1-1 time with teacher if needed.

Katelyn Peabody6:26 PM
Where do we send additional questions we haven't gotten addressed?

John Adamus6:26 PM
Is online leaning with a teacher or is the lessons recorded?

Jessica Merle6:27 PM
There was sneeze guards mentioned, will those be up in the classrooms like at teachers desks? Or anywhere else in the classroom?

Mrs. Kavanaugh6:27 PM
@ Jessica Schoology is for middle and high school I think. Google classroom for elementary, but don't quote me on that.

Jessica Merle6:27 PM
I sent several questions through the electronic form that haven't been read

Jessica Gortat6:27 PM
@Mrs.Kavanaugh thank you

Janelle Danyko6:28 PM
Is croswell programs going to be different?

Katelyn Peabody6:28 PM
Mr. Bennett - would you consider doing a meeting like this for incoming kindergarten parents. I have so many questions being our first year in school and now piling COVID on top of all of it

MaryKay Jeakle6:28 PM
Are neck gaiters allowed in ace of a mask?

In place of I mean

Irina Sybrandy6:29 PM
agree Katelyn great idea

Brooke Young6:29 PM
While in phase 4, will in person ever change to more than two days per week?

Lerick Chissus6:29 PM
For those that choose to return with Hybrid option, is there an updated "School Supply List". Normally we would be asked to provide clorox wipes and hand sanitizers", I assume those are no longer required, but what about the other items?

Katelyn Peabody6:29 PM
more school specific maybe just 100% Q&A

Julia Cherfoli6:29 PM
Will students be limited to their desks all day? Especially with specials being brought to the classroom as well?

Viviana Randazzo6:30 PM
@lerickchissus great question

Steve Hetra6:32 PM

are online kids able to use the library as well to check out books at some point

Viviana Randazzo6:33 PM
Is there extra space to hold classes at Croswell?

Jackson Goike6:33 PM
If lunch is in the lunch room, what kind of spacing is going to be forced? Will they be able to sit and communicate and be kids with their friends?

Angela Aymen6:33 PM
speaking of instruction - will online learning happen after the 1:00 in person dismissal?

Jessica Gortat6:33 PM
thank you mr. robinson

John Adamus6:35 PM
How long due you think the Hybrid schedule will last?

Viviana Randazzo6:35 PM
if a hybrid class is asked to quarantine would the instruction be moved online for their regular in-person learning?

Julia Cherfoli6:36 PM
what if the kid is just out sick?

Nicole Brecht6:36 PM
For families that choose the hybrid option, will siblings attend school the same day?

Katelyn Peabody6:37 PM
We absolutely need to know what times schedules, login times, for ALL cohorts - parents (especially working parents) HAVE to plan child care, work schedules, etc…

Julia Cherfoli6:37 PM
Can they attend virtually?

Theresa Hribar6:37 PM
Could you provide detailed information about the online option, meaning will my child be watching live streaming from a classroom or will he got instruction in a virtual situation like last year?

Claire Heaney6:38 PM
If teachers are not going to be providing instruction to children in cohort 2 while they are providing in person instruction to cohort 1, what is the expectation for cohort 2 on those days? How do those kids receive teacher assistance on those days?

Janelle Danyko6:38 PM
Does anyone know about croswell programs for pre-k?

Steve Hetra6:38 PM
how will school pictures work for the kids who are online?

Joshua Johnston6:38 PM
You answered a question about ONLINE schedule with HYBRID wording. Can you clarify?

John Adamus6:38 PM
Do the kids need school supplies for the first day? Or are they just using their Chromebook for the first 6 weeks?

Jackson Goike6:39 PM
They cant, thats why this is stupid

Rachel Palmer6:40 PM
Can traditional classes be "video recorded" like church services so that remote families (including parents) have a better handle on what needs to be taught/ learned

Rebekka Parker6:40 PM
Could you use a video to show the sounds?

Rachel Palmer6:40 PM
Ultimately, parents are in learning mode too

Viviana Randazzo6:41 PM
Will the school supplies need to travel back and forth with elementary students?

Katelyn Peabody6:42 PM
summer is different - there are "login" times - I know what their days look like

Jennie W6:42 PM
We need to know if cohort 3 students will have a dedicated teacher. if not, I feel like they will be left behind and all emphasis and focus will be on cohorts 1 and 2.

Rachel Palmer6:42 PM
I can't resist -- Hi, Mrs. Hasse! This is Ben's Gardners mom

Chris Cardinale6:43 PM
when will be notified for the option we choose during the enrollment steps?

Andrea Hasse6:43 PM
Hello, Mrs. Gardner! <3

Joe DeFour6:43 PM
We appreciate you!

William Graper6:44 PM
Thank you for all of your hard work!

Pamela Rouse6:44 PM
A list of local resources for working parents would be ideal. We want our kids to get the education they need, it isn't about child care. I would trust you could compile some of those resources and send out.

Phil & Kelly Zimmer6:45 PM
Being virtual learning is not for the entire year what do we chose if we decide to homeschool

Jessica Gortat6:45 PM
What does the online/remote learing look like with the Traditional plan?

Shelley Rosso6:45 PM
Thank you again, Dr. Robinson and the RCS team!

Alex Kourtesis6:45 PM
Looks good great Job!!!

Valerie Jovanovski6:45 PM
Why, of all years, was the decision made to go back to school early this year? It seems like there is so much still undetermined. Thank you.

Rachel Palmer6:45 PM
Hugs and prayers to all of you. I'm so sorry all of you have to go through this.. As a parent, I appreciate your effort more than you can ever know.. You're doing what you can with what you have

Joshua Johnston6:45 PM
Never did get a real answer regarding the online cohort schedule

Steve Hetra6:46 PM
when will we get instruction on how to log into online instruction

Robert Bloecker6:46 PM
Will they have recess and how will that be handled?

Lauren Nash6:46 PM
Will there still be a classroom 'cap' ? I have a concern since we are one of the only schools in the area doing hybrid I am nervous about class size due to district moves.

Scott Baden6:46 PM
We have not received a login yet to the system to choose hybrid or online. Whom should we reach out to get that completed?

Jessica Gortat6:47 PM
Mrs. Ozella is amazing! Super helpful

Katelyn Peabody6:47 PM
@ Chasity - Kim Ozella is great Kimberly Ozella <mailto:kimberly.ozella@romeok12.org>

Mickie Wolf6:47 PM
When does Amanda Moore start and how many days? And what time in the morning

Jessica Piccard6:50 PM

Instead of sanitizer can you require your child to use a wipe? Also, as Pamela mentioned above can we see the ingredient list of the sanitizer/wipes?

Ann Selva6:50 PM

Can we make online the same days each week with the hybrid model? Difficult to plan with work.

Ann Selva6:52 PM

If students are getting a packed lunch, won't they want to eat that on the bus. Also, will they get a snack. If ride bus, they will eat lunch at 2.

Rachel Palmer6:52 PM

Is there any way for working parents to connect and coordinate some sort of arrangements with parents planning to be home to online school for our kids?

Arielle Muzzin6:52 PM

I'm looking for the answers to all the questions that others have already asked about the online option/cohort 3. ....such as scheduled time frame, dedicated teacher or not, live lessons vs recorded; etc.