

August 28, 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

We are pleased to provide more information about your student's cohort assignment for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Placement this year was extraordinarily challenging. Class placements were made originally in the spring and were based on the thoughtful recommendations of staff and families. Our intention was to keep students with their originally assigned classes to the extent possible. However, as the District's model and families' choices became clearer, it was necessary to adjust class placements, rethink staffing, and create cohorts. The work included assuring that siblings across our ten schools were in the same cohort. We are not able to change student cohorts at this time.

We are writing to inform you that your student is assigned to:

**Hybrid Cohort B\***

**Remote on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

**In-person on Tuesday and Thursday.**

\*Attached is the 2020-2021 Student Calendar highlighted to indicate in-person versus remote learning days for your child(ren).

September 16, 2020, is the first day of school for students. We will follow the [phase-in plan](#) adopted by the school committee. We are eager to launch the school year with our students, both in remote and in-person learning environments.

During the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>, you will be invited to Melican to pick up a device and a Welcome Packet, which will include student schedules, student agenda books, device login details, and other important information.

We are attaching a simple school supply list to this email, as well as a [link](#) to our summer reading and summer math work.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jen Callaghan, Assistant Principal