

Hello PUSD Families,

We would like to update you on our plan to bring students back in a phased-in approach, expanding the small cohort model. While we await the County entering the Red Tier, we will be expanding our on-campus cohorts with small groups.

Pending Board approval at Thursday's Board meeting, this will be the schedule for the week of Monday, March 15-19. This schedule will stay in place until the County moves to the Red Tier, at which point we will notify you of the start date of when we will be moving to the A/B two-day-a-week schedule.

Until further notice, this is the temporary **one-day-a-week** schedule for all students who selected to return to on-campus learning:

Middle School

Monday March 15 ODD	Tuesday March 16 EVEN	Wednesday March 17 ODD	Thursday March 18 EVEN
6th Grade Cohort A Periods: 1, 3, Connections, 7	7-8 Grade Cohort A Periods: 2, 4, Office Hours, 8	6th Grade Cohort B Periods: 1, 3, Office Hours, 7	7-8 Grade Cohort B Periods: 2, 4, Connections, 8

We are keeping the same weekly class and bell schedule. There will be a different group of students on campus each day.

Friday will be asynchronous for all students.

By temporarily adopting these smaller classroom on-campus cohorts, we can eliminate some of the waiting and uncertainty for students and their families for next week and:

- Extend opportunities for more students to return to on-campus learning
- Build comfort and confidence with safety protocols and procedures with smaller numbers of on-campus students
- Utilize the concurrent learning model with a small cohort of students in class
- Provide opportunities for students and staff to connect in person
- Continue with a phased-in approach for bringing students back on campus safely while maintaining the small cohort model

This model of expanding small classroom cohorts is permissible under CDPH guidance which states in a classroom "cohorts may include more than two adults, provided the total size of the cohort does not exceed 16 individuals (students and adults together)." Oak Valley Administration will notify families who opted to return to campus with their designated Group A or Group B on Thursday 3/11/2021.

Thank you,

Colin Young
Principal
Oak Valley Middle School