



January 22, 2021

Dear East Aurora Families,

Happy 2021! I hope all of you are doing well as we have embarked on a new year. I know we are looking forward to healthier and happier days ahead this year.

As you know, last month we asked you to complete a survey telling us your preferences for 3rd Quarter learning for your child. Of those who responded, 73% of you said that you want your child to continue with full remote learning. As indicated in the survey, those who did not respond were calculated in favor of continued remote learning. When we add in those, the percentage was 86% in favor of continued remote learning.

While remote learning can never take the place of in-person instruction, it has been a safe and necessary choice for most of you. Overall I continue to be encouraged by our student participation in remote learning, the high level of engagement on our learning platforms, and the success of the large majority of students for 1st semester across all grade levels.

This success can be attributed to your full support as parents, our teacher's commitment to solid instruction through creatively integrating technology, and the complete support of our Board of Education in tackling digital equity through providing devices 1:1 from Pre-K through 12th grade and internet connectivity to any student in need. For this we cannot say Thank You enough! Each of you have allowed the children of EA to remain healthy and safe, and while not the same as in-person instruction, our children have had access to learning!

While most of you will continue with remote learning, we have made plans to offer a hybrid schedule for families who previously selected hybrid instruction for the 3rd Quarter. Beginning the week of March 1, we will offer a hybrid e-learning schedule that includes in-person opportunities for two (2) days a week for Pre-K through 8th grade. Hybrid e-learning students will participate in e-learning for the exact same schedule as the full remote. Due to the number of students remaining in full remote, teachers will continue to teach on the same schedule for all students M-F in an e-learning format. See the Student Guidance Document 3.0 for schedule details.

Please keep in mind that our hybrid plan is contingent on state and county health department mitigations.

In partnership with the Kane County Health Department, our district leadership continues to monitor the COVID-19 positivity rate in our area while planning to welcome all students back in-person as soon as possible.

And please remember, while we are encouraged by the hope for vaccinations, the pandemic continues to significantly impact our community. Please continue to do all you can to limit the spread in our area.

Be well—and thank you for your continued support,

Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent
East Aurora School District 131



2021 Hybrid Schedule

Week of February 22	Pre-K through Grade 8 staff in buildings (staff only)
Week of March 1	Hybrid begins for Pre-K through Grade 8 students Monday & Wednesday – Pre-K through 5th Monday & Tuesday- 6th - 8th Simmons/ Cowherd Wednesday & Thursday- 6th - 8th Waldo
Week of March 15	Parent Survey sent out to parents for 4th quarter learning setting preference
March 29 - April 5	Spring Break
Tuesday, April 6	High school staff in building (staff only)
Monday, April 12	Hybrid begins for high school students by Grade Level (schedule forthcoming)