

Lancaster Central School District

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Dear Lancaster families,

Thank you for your continued support as together we navigate the education of our children. This has been a challenging time, but together we have already accomplished more than we thought imaginable. Our students have been able to adapt to any situation, our teachers have learned and employed innovative methods to connect and instruct students, and you, our parents, have been there every step of the way helping our children learn! Together we will continue to learn, grow, and improve to best serve our students.

At the beginning of the school year, each family committed to a learning model (i.e., in-person hybrid or 100% remote) for each child for the first semester. In order to plan for the second semester, we need each family to commit to a learning model for the remainder of the school year (February 1 - June 25, 2021) even if you are remaining in the same model.

We ask and hope you will maintain the current learning model for your child or children. Our students and teachers have learned routines, expectations, and procedures, but, most importantly, they have made connections and established relationships. A switch in learning models (in-person hybrid to 100% remote or vice versa) will have a variety of ramifications such as a teacher change and/or a schedule change for your son/daughter. Please note: A request to switch learning models may not be possible if we cannot accommodate the request due to space, class size, or staffing limitations.

Please watch a brief [Second Semester Informational Video](https://youtu.be/DQfBzpIPKmM) (https://youtu.be/DQfBzpIPKmM) or visit our [LCSD Reopening Information Website](https://www.lancasterschools.org/Page/25515) (https://www.lancasterschools.org/Page/25515) for FAQs for additional information and clarification. If you have specific questions or concerns, please submit them to COVID19questions@lancasterschools.org along with contacting your child's principal or school counselor.

Please complete the Google Form **no later than Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 3:00 pm** for each child regarding the selection of a learning model for the remainder of the year. Changes to a learning model will be considered and evaluated on a case-by-case basis. If granted, the change would go into effect starting **Monday, February 1, 2021.**

[LCSD Learning Model Commitment Form: Second Semester](https://forms.gle/FNPMmo1RCARB5KaPA)
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Our goal continues to remain to provide in-person instruction in a safe environment for all while fulfilling our mission for the students of Lancaster. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and adaptability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Vallely". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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