

## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dr. Don Sturz
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents,

Many parents have concerns related to COVID-19 and have chosen to have their child remain home rather than attend school. The district created a full home remote instruction option to accommodate this decision. The original deadline for declaration of choosing this option was August 10, 2020 but the district extended considerable flexibility with this deadline to allow parents more time given the difficulty of this decision.

The numbers of parents who have chosen this option have now necessitated that the district adapt the full home remote instruction plan. Whereas originally full home remote children were assigned to hybrid classes, the number has reached a point where fully remote classes for each grade level can be justified and staffed. One teacher will be assigned to each district wide grade level class. Instruction will still be delivered through a combination of teacher led instruction on Google Meets and independent activities through Google Classroom accessing our Classlink.com system.

The model remains the same:
ELA - 60 minutes daily
Math - 60 minutes daily
Science- 2 lessons per week
Social Studies - 2 lessons per week
Wellness - 1 activity per day
Physical Education, Art, Music - weekly

The day to day changes associated with the COVID-19 crisis have required flexibility and adaptability from day one of the pandemic. This adaptation related to the increased number of students on full home remote instruction on each grade level across the district will better accommodate the specific needs of these students and also allow for more direct teacher contact. Teacher assignments for each full remote class will be established this week and parents who have chosen the full remote model will receive notification of the teacher for their child's fully remote class. Please feel free to contact your building principal with any questions you may have.

Stay safe and be well,

Dr. Don Sturz

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