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### Transition Team Meeting Notes

The committee was presented a tentative plan outline to bring students back to in-person learning. Their task was to bring up concerns with the plan if implemented and to make changes to the plan so it could be implemented.

The plan's basic over-view prioritized K-5 as an "A" student group in-person day / "B" student group in-person day rotation for having ½ the population in the building at a time to make social distancing possible. Then, at a later date, emulate a modified plan adapted for grades 6-12. The plan outlined a priority to bring back elementary students first, as remote learning for elementary age students presents more curricular challenges than students and staff in the upper grades.

The biggest concerns:

- The opinions on implementing an in-person return plan in the near future was not universal.
- The push to come back in-person soon was based more on emotions. The data <https://scdph.org/> does not support returning to in-person. This fact dominated most of the discussion since there is no COVID data from the Sangamon County Health Department that supports making a change at this time. It was agreed that there will be a date to implement an in-person plan, but little support to set an arbitrary date that is not supported by data.
- The arbitrary dates in the plan for returning to in-person will conflict with the heavy flu season, compounding the issues for student, parent, staff and administrative protocol and safety.
- Universal uncertainty and fears exist. There were many "what if" scenarios that need to be addressed.
- Any plan that gradually brings students back, shortens the instructional time, rotates A / B populations or any combination, results in fewer instructional minutes (fewer than half) than what full remote or full in-person learning offer.
- An increase in damaged Chromebooks will result through transporting from remote to in-person.

### **OTHER NOTES:**

High School and Junior High will increase remote contact times by 1 hour starting Oct 19.

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be conducted remotely.