

## **Stanwood-Camano School District**

### **January 15, 2021 Family Communication**

Good Afternoon Families and Staff,

The year 2021 has already thrown us some challenges. Our thanks to our families and staff for persevering (which is our Character Trait for the month of January) through the power and internet outages this week. We hope you all remain safe.

Our staff were able to participate in COVID screening this week. This is one more precaution taken to ensure the health and safety of all individuals on our campuses.

Next week, K-3 students and special populations will return to their hybrid model schedule. Group A, will attend classes on January 19 and group B beginning January 21. Our 4th and 5th grade students will begin in-person learning in an AA/BB hybrid model beginning February 1. Resource room students will return to their small groups on January 20. If you have questions about your child(ren)'s schedule, please contact your child(ren)'s school.

New guidance from the Department of Health and OSPI indicates that districts may expand access to in-person learning when trends in cases and hospitalizations are flat or decreasing, and the school can demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment. When case rates are in the moderate range (between 50-350 cases per 100,000 over a 14-day period), districts may provide in-person learning to middle school students. The district may expand in-person learning to high school students when rates drop below 200 cases per 100,000 over a 14-day period.

The current case rates will not allow us to expand in-person learning for middle and high school students beyond the special populations that are currently being served. We will continue to monitor the metrics and update parents weekly. We encourage families and staff to continue taking precautions to decrease the transmission of COVID-19 in our community.