



Principal Toolkit for Promoting Parent & Teacher Options for School Re-Entry





As we continue to prepare for a safe return to in-person learning, we again want to emphasize that our families are able to choose a learning option for the remainder of the year that they feel best meets the needs of their student and family. Many parents selected a student learning option as part of our registration process this summer. Those choices for either in-person or virtual learning will still be valid when schools reopen; however, we want to ensure that anyone who did not complete the survey or would like to change their original selection has an opportunity to do so.

Additionally, as much as we want to encourage our teachers to return in January, we will continue to honor their choices regarding whether to teach in person or virtually.

It is critical that we get a response from all of our families and teachers **October 21-30 so we can effectively plan for the necessary supports for a smooth reopening in January. The resources in this toolkit are designed to help you and your school marketing team communicate the facts about this process and encourage everyone to submit a choice by **October 30**.**

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PARENT TALKING POINTS

- As we prepare for a return to in-person learning in January, we're asking parents to submit a student learning option in PowerSchool for the remainder of the year October 21-30.
- Parents may choose in-person or virtual learning for their child for the remainder of the year.
- Only parents who did not submit a learning option this summer or wish to change their original choice should submit an option. Please do not resubmit if your choice has not changed.
- Students who do not have a learning option selected by October 30 will be automatically enrolled in the in-person option for the remainder of the school year.
- Please note, some teachers may continue delivering instruction virtually. However, if so, there will be a teacher, teacher assistant or certified substitute supervising and supporting daily in the classroom.
- Get more information at scsk12.org/learningoptions.
- We are planning for a phased return to in-person learning beginning with grades Pre-K - 5 and students with exceptional needs in early January. Grades 6-12 would follow later in mid-January.
- We will continue to follow all Health Department protocols to ensure our buildings are safe for students and teachers to return.
- Transportation: As we continue to socially distance, we encourage families to transport their students to and from school whenever possible. As always, transportation will be available for students who are eligible.
- Athletics: The District will consider a return to play option for student-athletes as we continue to prioritize in-person learning.
- More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

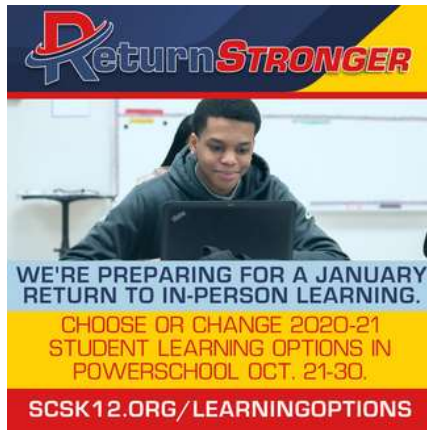
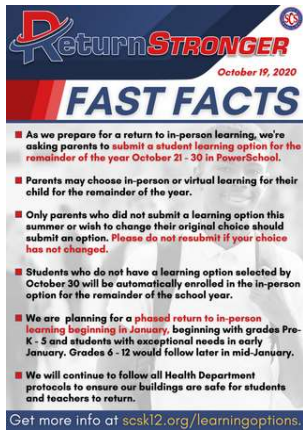
TEACHER TALKING POINTS

- As we prepare for a safe return to in-person learning in January, we are excited about welcoming our educators back to school.
- Like we've said all along, flexibility is critical during these times. While we are confident in our health and safety protocols and encourage all teachers to return when schools reopen, we know it is important to provide you with a choice that best meets your personal needs.
- As families update their preferred learning options for when schools reopen, we are also asking teachers to choose in-person or virtual instruction. You can do so by [completing this survey October 21 - 30.](#)
- Please note, if you do not complete the survey by October 30, it will be expected that you return for in-person instruction when schools reopen. Additionally, please be sure to inform the principal directly to update your instructional preference.
- Our goal is to maintain the fidelity of instruction and continuous learning for our students the rest of the school year, so all teachers should expect to have a combination of in-person and virtual students each day.
- More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

GRAPHICS & WEB RESOURCES

Please use these resources to help ensure information about the learning options is heavily communicated between now and the October 30 deadline. Additionally, please ensure your teachers complete the instructional option survey and inform you of their choice by October 30.

FIND THESE GRAPHICS AT: bit.ly/scsoptions2021



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Here is the link to the learning options website.](#)
- [Here is a link to the S.A.F.E. Re-Entry simulation videos.](#)
- [Here is a link to the full Board presentation from 10/19 regarding school re-entry.](#)
- [Here is a link to the SCS Newsroom story.](#)

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