

March 11, 2021

Dear TRMS Families,

We are writing to update you on some upcoming changes to the middle school's default instructional model, which were presented and discussed at the TRSD School Board meeting on 2/18. Our district's goal through this pandemic has always been to provide options for both remote and in-person learning, to the greatest extent possible, in conjunction with the local metrics regarding COVID-19.

As presented at the February 18th School Board meeting, the secondary schools have begun a multi-week process to increase on-site instruction for students in the district instructional model. We will not change the delivery model for those families who have requested remote-only instruction. Starting on Monday, March 22, all TRMS students who have chosen the district instructional mode for Trimester 3 will attend in-person 5 days/week.

### **Schedule**

There will be some small small changes to our daily schedule starting 3/22 (due to new lunch times). You can find updated schedules for each grade level here starting 3/15:

<https://www.timberlane.net/ms/news-events/>

As you will see on the grade-level schedules, starting the week of 3/22, we will return to a rotating A/B schedule. (There will no longer be "skinny" days on Wednesdays.)

### **Attendance**

Students who are attending school in-person should make every effort to attend school (in-person) each of the 5 days per week for consistency and to allow our teachers to plan for lessons and materials accordingly.

If your student is unwell or unable to attend school in person, please make sure to let us know via Pick Up Patrol and reach out to the school nurse as appropriate.

Students who have chosen to be remote for Trimester 3 should attend their classes each day, logging into Zoom on time and following their daily schedule.

Please encourage your student, if they are attending classes via Zoom, to turn their cameras on to support engagement in lessons.

### **Social Distancing/Lunch**

At the October 15th TRSD School Board meeting, TRSD social distancing requirements were amended to reflect a minimum of 3 to 6-foot distancing with mandatory masks. As we increase the number of students attending school on-site, many classrooms will have reduced social distancing of 2-5 feet with masks which was approved by the School Board on 2/18. TRSD sent a letter (via email) on March 5th with updated information. That letter can be found here:

<https://www.timberlane.net/blog/2021/03/district-notice-with-updated-information-march-5th-2021/>

Students will still be expected to maintain 6-foot distancing during lunches and the cafeteria is set up to support this. Lunch times have changed a bit to accommodate the schedule of all teams eating lunch in a socially-distanced manner.

## **Student Drop Off and Pick Up**

### *Drop Off*

Please remember that parent drop-off starts at 7:15am. Due to coverage and traffic patterns, please do not drop students off before this time. Students can be dropped off at TRMS between 7:15am and 7:30am (as our first period starts at 7:30am). Please do not arrive earlier than 7:15am.

If you are dropping your student off for school, please drive up alongside the green sidewalk. As soon as you pull up next to the sidewalk, please let your student out of the car and have them proceed along the green sidewalk to the front door. You do not need to be at the front end of the green sidewalk for your student to exit the car—as soon as there is space available, please pull up and let your child out and they can proceed on the sidewalk to the front door. Do not create a second line of traffic, as pedestrians in the crosswalk may not be visible to you.

As a reminder, there is no student drop off in the second lane that has yellow cones at the end. This is a matter of student and staff safety. The only place to drop off students at TRMS in the morning is along the green sidewalk. Thank you for your attention to this procedure. As always, our goal is to make sure our students, staff, and visitors are safe at all times.

### *Pick Up*

Students who are parent pick-up will be dismissed out the front door at 2:15pm. Due to the high school pick up line (their dismissal is at 2:10pm) and high traffic volume, please do not line up to pick up your middle school student until 2:15pm. Parking in advance is a fire lane violation and is causing a back up on the road and in front of the MS/HS/PAC.

When you approach the green sidewalk, please pull forward as far as possible before stopping your car. Students should not enter your vehicle until you have pulled up and stopped next to the green sidewalk. Once your student is in your vehicle, please do not form a second line of traffic—depart behind the vehicle(s) in front of you. Additionally, parents should not park in TRMS/PAC parking spots or on the street to avoid waiting in the pick-up line. When students cross traffic, the parking lots, or the road, it becomes unsafe as it's a busy time of day with cars and busses departing campus. Thank you for your support as we continue to make safety a priority.

We encourage you, as always, reach out with any questions you have. We look forward to a successful and safe Trimester 3.

Sincerely,  
TRMS Administration