



Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Good evening, Upper Darby School District Staff & Families,

Last evening, Dr. Daniel McGarry, Superintendent of Schools, announced that the Upper Darby School District will continue to remain in a virtual learning model until further notice. We know that there are many families anxiously waiting to learn about the next steps in the educational experience for their child this school year. Please click to view the live stream of the [October 27, 2020 School Board Committee and Special Voting Meetings](#).

At this time, the District is facing complications with staffing as a result of the pandemic. The staffing concerns will prevent the District from a return to in-person flexible instruction in November. Only students in our Autistic Support, Life Skills Support, and Multi-Disability Support programs will return to in-person learning on November 5th for grades K-12. For these students only, full days of in-person instruction will be provided four (4) days per week and for one (1) half-day on Wednesday in the A.M. for all grades. **For students who are not in these identified programs, we will remain in virtual learning at this time.**

We are aware that the pandemic, along with racial tensions in our country, and the transition to virtual learning has been stressful for our students and families. We recognize the social and emotional toll all of this has had on our students, staff, and community. We understand it is important to have students in front of teachers and that the social and supportive benefits that come with in-person instruction are priceless. These issues are complex and ever-changing. We want to navigate this difficult time with care, and balance the safety and health of our students and our staff during this COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of these complexities, the District intends to respond to school reopening with continued flexibility.