



CFCI Community Update 10.25.20  
Week #11 of Remote Learning!

Hello CFCI Families,

As we begin the 11th week of remote instruction we have heard from many of you who have said that this learning plan works for your family. Your children are happy and learning and your family has found a rhythm to the work that is required while also being able to juggle the issues that may arise on occasion. We have also heard from many families, who have made remote learning work but truly prefer that their children be back in the building for face to face learning. We have also heard from families that remote learning does not work in different ways, either from the social emotional aspect, the concern for your child's overall wellbeing, the academic impact, the difficulty in securing childcare and overall, the ability to provide a stable learning environment for their children. We hear you, and we understand. We are working towards having choices for families. It has been a long road and I'm sure you will agree fraught with unknowns.

We will know this week what the next step is for our school moving forward in November. Over the next few weeks, we will be providing guidance on our plan to re-open including information provided by our health consultant, Tonya Jasmin. Please be sure to read through all of the guidelines and handbooks carefully to help you understand how our school is working to make decisions and keep students and teachers safe. This week, the three documents being shared come from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Board of Education and the Department of Public Instruction. We have to work together as a community to keep each other safe and healthy. As always, please reach out if you have any questions, or concerns.

Kim McCormick, Interim Director

1. **GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS**

- a. [Strong Schools NC](#)
- b. [Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed cases](#)
- c. [Lighting Our Way Forward](#)

2. **Hybrid Plan** We have been working over the past couple of months to develop a plan that for our students that will work as we eventually move to hybrid. We will send more information about the plan this week which include: A/B groupings, schedules, plans for remote students, and a handbook that includes more specifics on arrival and dismissal, as well as other protocols.
- The hybrid plan that the school has adopted is an A/B model. Hybrid students will come in on either the A days (Monday and Tuesday) or B days (Thursday and Friday) with the other three days being remote.
  - Arrival time will begin at 7:30 am and the school day will begin at 8:05 am; The dismissal time will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 1pm.
  - Students will not eat lunch at school.
  - Learning will focus predominantly on core subject areas while face to face. Specials will be held remotely and students will be given their schedules at the beginning of the start of the plan.

**Requirements to face to face include:**

1. Wear a face mask
  2. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet when possible
  3. Hand washing
  4. Cleaning
  5. Health screenings including temperature checks will be performed each morning for students and staff.
3. **COVID-19 Symptoms** As the weather turns colder, it is always a good idea to review possible symptoms of COVID-19 in order to keep everyone safe. Remember, if your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, he/she needs to stay home.

[NC DHHS Covid Symptoms](#)

4. **The Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program**



is a new statewide initiative that may provide rent and utility assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to the economic effects of COVID-19. The new program will help prevent evictions and utility disconnections in order to promote housing stability during the ongoing pandemic. HOPE is an initiative of the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a division of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. If you are concerned about being evicted, click [here](#) to learn how the temporary eviction moratorium may be able to help you.

**5. Student Led Conferences**

CFCI student led conferences will take place during the week of November 2nd- November 6th. Teachers will be in touch soon.

**6. Board Meetings:**

- **Regular Board meeting** on Tuesday, October 27th at 6pm. **Vote** for Plan A, Plan B, or Plan C going forward on November 13th.

As always, thank you for your continued support, patience and partnership. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please reach out. Remember, you can write a letter to the board and send it Stephen Hill, Board Secretary at: [shill@cfci.net](mailto:shill@cfci.net). You can also sign up to speak at a board meeting. These are two minute slots at the beginning of the board meeting. Here is the link: [BoD meeting Visiting Speaker Sign Up](#).

**7. Parenting Through the Pandemic: A workshop and process group for CFCI**

**parents:** What a wonderful first session last Thursday! Please consider attending this amazing series of workshops aimed at providing a forum for parents to hear from our school social worker and school counselor while sharing your own challenges and successes in these stressful and unprecedented times. This is an incredibly stressful and challenging time for many of us, trying to figure out this work-life-schooling-parenting balancing problem we are experiencing during this pandemic. Guided by **Jenny Campbell**, School Social Work and Behavior Specialist, and **Michal Cohen**, School Counselor, join fellow parents who are experiencing similar struggles to discuss what is working and what isn't, and learn strategies that can help your child/ren, your family and YOU get through this difficult time and any difficult times ahead.

3 more consecutive Thursdays, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 (6:30-7:30 pm)

Zoom link will be sent to the first 20 to register.

Register at the link below:

[Parenting Through the Pandemic: with Michal and Jenny](#)

Respectfully,

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