



September 18, 2020

Dear SASED Learning Community,

Throughout the summer of 2020, SASED worked on plans to support our learning community in a variety of instructional frameworks. Our leadership team and steering committee created detailed blueprints for the continuation of remote learning, a transition to full-time in person learning, and hybrid learning opportunities. These plans were created to anticipate and respond to any changes related to DuPage County COVID-19 health metrics. As an organization, SASED has been striving, and will continue to strive, to bring students back for in-person instruction. We are committed to doing this safely and mindfully. SASED had an organizational target of September 28, 2020 to bring students across programs back for in-person instruction. Unfortunately, we are not going to make that target for a variety of reasons.

SASED is now striving for October 6th to bring students back into some programs. We will work collaboratively with each host district location on a consistent, rolling basis to work towards returning students to in-person instruction as much as possible. It is anticipated that across the Cooperative, there will be increasing opportunities to return to buildings and in-person instruction in the coming weeks. As these additional programs become available, a SASED-wide communication will be distributed.

The following programs are slated for re-opening on October 6, 2020, and parents should expect communication from their student's teacher or program administrator to confirm schedules and start date during the week of September 21-28, 2020.

STARS at Holmes School  
STARS at Maercker School  
SASED Transition Program  
Project SEARCH  
Preschool Vision Program at Salt Creek School

We are grateful for all that our families are doing to support learning in a remote platform. We know that remote learning is not ideal and are committed to bringing our students in-person as circumstances allow.

Wishing you and your family health,

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