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Arlington Public Schools to bring more students on campus on Jan. 19

ARLINGTON- Many Arlington second and third grade students will be coming back to campus in a hybrid model starting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 depending on Department of Health guidance at that time. Kindergartners and first graders are currently attending classes in-person in a hybrid model. However, following winter break which runs from Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, kindergarten and first grade hybrid students will revert back to full time distance learning until Jan. 19 to lessen the number of students and staff on campus following the long break.

“I look forward to having more students learning on campus,” said Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent. “As always, student and staff safety is a top priority.”

Students identified with high needs and certain English Language Learners as well as those in connectivity stations will return to school on Monday, Jan. 4.

After winter break, there will be voluntary COVID-19 testing of staff providing in-person services to students. This means that on Jan. 4, there will be a two-hour delay of in-person classes so staff can be tested. Students in the distance learning model on Jan. 4 will start at their normal time.

“Performing the COVID-19 testing of staff before students arrive on-campus allows us to minimize the impact of staff and student quarantines due to close contacts at school following winter break,” said Brian Lewis, Executive Director of Operations.

Arlington Public Schools works closely with the Snohomish Health District to determine the best time to bring more students safely back to campus.

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