

September 29, 2020

Dear NSSED Families and Staff,

After carefully reviewing and discussing our considerations/metrics, we have determined NSSED programs (North Shore Academy, North Shore Academy Elementary, Arbor Academy, Little Wildcats and Little Adventurers, and Transition Center) will remain in a Blended Remote Learning Model until November 2, 2020. While we remain in what the Illinois State Board of Education defines as Blended Remote Learning, **please know NSSED programs (at our sites) will be enhancing in-person learning opportunities and specifics will be shared with you by the end of this week from each of our administrators.**

Considered together, (i) state and regional transmission conditions, (ii) the status of our member districts, (iii) our own workforce availability, and (iv) reliable transportation services, along with knowing the importance of in-person learning for our population, collectively supports our balanced decision to enhance in-person learning opportunities but not to the fullest extent outlined in Phase 3 of our plan. We appreciate your support as we continue to move forward with everyone's interests in mind, and using data to guide us forward.

Our reopening plan states staff and families receive notification about district phase decisions within seven calendar days. **Accordingly, we will next notify you of any phase change by Monday, October 26, 2020, for November 2, 2020 implementation.**

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