



**Almont Community Schools  
Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan  
March 22, 2021 Reconfirmation Meeting**

**Purpose**

This report is intended to document the state requirements regarding the delivery of instruction at the Almont Community Schools. This monthly report will be presented to the Almont Community Schools Board of Education every month after the initial approval of the Extended COVID-19 Plan in September 2020, and will be posted to the transparency link of the district website. This report meets all legislative requirements.

**Statute**

Sec. 98a(1)(c) Thirty days after the approval of the plan under subsection (2), and every 30 days thereafter, the district must, at a meeting of the board or board of directors, as applicable, of the district, re-confirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year. Public comment must be solicited from the parents or legal guardians of the pupils enrolled in the district during a meeting described in this subdivision.

Sec. 98a(1)(i) The district shall publicly announce its weekly interaction rates under this subdivision at each reconfirmation meeting described in subdivision (c) and make those rates accessible through the transparency reporting link located on the district's website each month.

**Board Agenda Item Purpose:**

1. Reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 20/21 school year
2. Note public comments from parents and/or guardians regarding the Extended Learning Plan
3. Review weekly 2-way interaction rates for January.

**February 22, 2021 – March 19, 2021**

**Reconfirmation**

**Reconfirm how instruction (Return to Learn Plan) is going to be delivered during the 20/21 school year:**  
(Recommendation: Explain in narrative form any modifications to the original Extended Learning Plan)

**1. Traditional, In-Person Instruction:** In-person instruction is being provided in BK-12 grades. All protocols required in the *Mi Safe Schools: Michigan 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap* have been implemented. Provisions have been made if we are required to transition students to virtual learning due to COVID-19 related illnesses or quarantines. Instruction is through a traditional daily calendar.

As of November 23, 2020 the traditional day calendar will be modified to use a scheduled half day on the remaining Fridays in the first semester. These include December 4, 2020, December 11, 2020, December 18, 2020 and January 8, 2020. Classes which do not meet during these half days will assign students with asynchronous learning activities. These activities will be equivalent to the missed in-person instruction. Our in-person learning is suspended for each of these days, students will have equivalent activities provided remotely.

The purpose of this modified schedule is to allow the faculty additional time to meet the state requirements for monitoring online learners (documented two-way communication) and to prepare lesson, grade and troubleshoot both online and in-person learning.

No changes to the ECOL were made in December 2020.

As of January 25, 2021, the use of a scheduled Friday half day has been extended until the end of the March 26, 2021. This is the end of the third marking period for the middle and high schools. This extension has been made because the district was unable to evaluate the effect of these half days between late November and December of 2020 due to distributions in student learning.

On November 16, 2020 the MDHHS suspended all in-person learning for Michigan high schools until January 4, 2021. Between November 16, 2020 and December 8, 2020 the Almont Community Schools could not host in-person students at our elementary school or middle school due to damage which occurred in a power surge the weekend of November 14, 2020.

The value of continuing this calendar will be reviewed in March and a recommendation will be made regarding the remainder of the school year.

No changes to the ECOL were made in February 2021.

As of March 21 2021, the use of a scheduled Friday half day will be extended until the last Friday of the school year (June 11, 2021). This extension is being made to permit teachers to communicate with and with both online students and those students who are quarantined because of COVID-19 exposure in their schools or the community. Especially at the high school level, we continue to have a large percentage of the student body learning online (23.6%). This time allows for required interactions as well as the facilitation of online and quarantined learning. Additionally, the half days are permitting in-person learners to participate in homework clubs, tutoring, credit recovery and mentoring. On these half days students will be expected to engage in and complete asynchronous learning activities.

**Parent Comments:**

One parent was concerned with number of current quarantines and expressed concern that we should be going 100% remote.

**Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates (Percentage) for Almont Community Schools**

**February 22, 2021 – March 19, 2021**

| School                 | Two-Way Interaction Rate |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Orchard Primary School | 97.5%                    |
| Almont Middle School   | 97.6%                    |
| Almont High School     | 81%                      |
| <b>Average</b>         | <b>92.03%</b>            |

Method of Instruction for **Almont Community Schools**

**February 22, 2021 – March 19, 2021**

| School                 | In-Person Instruction | Online Instruction |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Orchard Primary School | <b>473 92.5%</b>      | <b>38 7.5%</b>     |
| Almont Middle School   | <b>407 94.0%</b>      | <b>26 6.0%</b>     |
| Almont High School     | <b>337 76.4%</b>      | <b>104 23.6%</b>   |
| <b>Totals</b>          | <b>1217 87.87%</b>    | <b>168 12.13%</b>  |