



**Jessica A. Hockett** @Wood\_House76 [Sep 17, 2020](#)

Next-level nuttiness in Northfield, Illinois (north-suburban Chicago). Public school district [@srseagles](#) is restricting students' access to remote learning if their families travel to a state on the county travel-ban list. How is this legal...or moral? [@BetsyDeVosED](#) <https://t.co/UJcPH1DPxo>

Edward Stange posted in District 29 Parents

## Important District 29 Update

Hello District 29 Parents & Guardians-

Yesterday, the District 29 Return to School Task Force convened to review our “metrics” regarding the reopening of our school, and reflect on opportunities for improvement.

A document outlining the metrics that we will be utilizing as we move forward, and the actual data organized into our new “D29 COVID-19 Data Dashboard” is available from our website under the [“Return to School”](#) tab.

I will be reviewing our metrics and the resulting D29 COVID-19 Data Dashboard at our Parent Connections Committee meeting scheduled for September 22, 2020. Information on how to connect to this meeting virtually is available from our District 29 calendar. All are welcome to attend.

Three significant recommendations came from the Task Force meeting yesterday, and all were approved by the Board of Education at their subsequent meeting last night:

1. **District 29 will remain in “Stage II” of our Phased Hybrid Plan.**
  - The resurgence metrics used by District 29 do not indicate the need to implement a more restrictive plan (e.g., system-wide remote learning), or the ability to extend the hours of in-person learning at this time.
1. **On Friday, September 25, 2020, District 29 will utilize one of the five special “planning days” afforded to all Illinois public schools by the state Board of Education.**
  - This means that Friday, September 25, 2020 will be a non-student attendance day.
  - Staff will be engaged in professional development and planning on that day.
1. **Students that are required to quarantine for travel-related reasons (i.e., travel to high-risk area), will not be permitted to access remote learning during the quarantine period.**

I want to thank all of our parents and guardians for your flexibility and patience as we have worked on the bumps in the road to returning to school.

I would also like to thank our incredible staff for their commitment to the District and our students, and making this work, every day.

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**Jessica A. Hockett** @Wood\_House76 Sep 18, 2020

@tjbrown @ColossusRhodey @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED @pcascher I don't understand why a "no switching models" policy alone doesn't cover everything. If you miss school for whatever reason, you have to make it up within your model. Maybe I'm not understand what remote-only involves? Diff teachers?

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@ColossusRhodey @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED @pcascher @tjbrown can you clarify: are students who have selected in-person instruction allowed to access RL if they are sick at home, or are awaiting C19 test results? I thought yesterday you said yes

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@ColossusRhodey @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Will review and get back to you. Thanks @pcascher

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@ColossusRhodey @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED His explanation doesn't make sense to me at all, if what you said is the whole of it

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@ColossusRhodey @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Go ahead and post it.

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@schnumms @Theophilus\_TP @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED @HinsdaleD86 @District65 Correct. If the schools won't let students "switch models," under any circumstances, then that's all they'd have to say. But parents said that access to RL is permitted for in-person students under other circumstances related to potential/actual infection

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@schnumms @Theophilus\_TP @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED They give “banned” states as an example, but it sounds like the board believes there are other reasons to quarantine related to travel, beyond that reason Again, it’s bad policy—which we are proving even further

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@Theophilus\_TP @schnumms @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED I’m saying insane—b/c I’ve worked in & with hundreds of schools districts for 20 years. That a group of educated board members & a superintendent would type this policy is insane. @hinsdaled86, @district65 & @ETHSWildkit are also being insane, but for diff reasons

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@schnumms @Theophilus\_TP @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Nope, I didn’t gloss over it. You can read through the threads and see my discussion with a district parent I maintain my position that this policy is horrendous, both the way it is written and in its intent, given the district’s other current practices

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@Theophilus\_TP @schnumms @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Not at all an overreaction based on what the policy says, and it’s apparent discriminatory stance relative to how the district treats students exposed to, sick with, or suspected of COVID Can a student who is leaving town for a week to a non-banned state for a funeral access RL?

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@schnumms @Theophilus\_TP @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Nope. Didn’t get it wrong at all

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@Theophilus\_TP @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Horribly written and ill -conceived, no matter what. Also discriminatory, given the allowances the district makes for sick/exposed students

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@tjbrown @noneforreturn @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED Whatever the rationale, the policy is horribly written, and needs to be re-written to capture the intent/problem you're describing. Why is the district trying to enforce the travel bans at all? How is that even part of the discussion?

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@CraigRiggerw8 @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED I'm very familiar with the DOE's strengths and weaknesses :)

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@Theophilus\_TP @srseagles @BetsyDeVosED The way this is written says students in quarantine cannot access remote learning

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@Jayden\_Victor22 @TrumpMadeAzBlu1 @ETHSWildkits @District65 @Wilmette39 @ChiPubSchools @BetsyDeVosED \$100 says @TrumpMadeAzBlu1 is a male and/or has no school aged kids at home

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@TrumpMadeAzBlu1 @Jayden\_Victor22 @ETHSWildkits @District65 @Wilmette39 @ChiPubSchools @BetsyDeVosED How many public school families can afford a nanny or tutor? Plus, why should they have to pay for one during the day for school-aged kids when the teachers are still getting paid? Also this: <https://t.co/Vhbv78BYkS> <https://t.co/SM5VyQrSck>

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@TheModestRose @Jayden\_Victor22 @ETHSWildkits @District65 @Wilmette39 @ChiPubSchools @BetsyDeVosED Maybe need a federal state-relocation program that provides vouchers that cover moving expenses to anyone who wants to go to a state they consider more sane? :)

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@HeckofaLiberal @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED Right. Who wants their kid muzzled, learning from a muzzled teacher, being scolded all day for not social distancing?

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@kerpen @HeckofaLiberal @BetsyDeVosED Agreed. Still, I'd like to see private schools go a diff direction & do school as normal (w/non-invasive sanitation measures). We will send our kids to private if that's the case. Otherwise, will likely homeschool. Not my first choice, as I believe in value of going to school

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@HeckofaLiberal @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED But it's not like private or charter schools within a state are going to be doing anything much difference than the public schools in that state are doing. Wait and see, I guess

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@vander\_vero @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED Oops - aren't

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@H12Charlotte @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED My kids have shown signs of depression. They have tons of support, food, etc. If our kids are having a tough time, how are poor kids, kids in abuse live homes, etc. even getting by? This is so, so, so wrong

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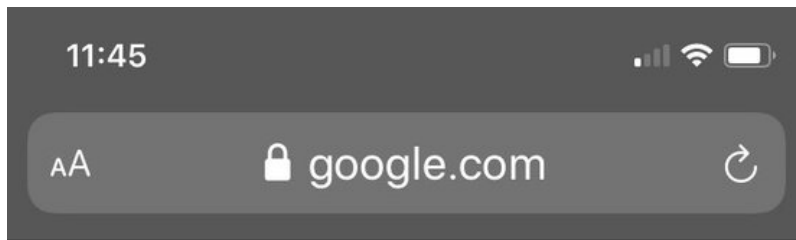
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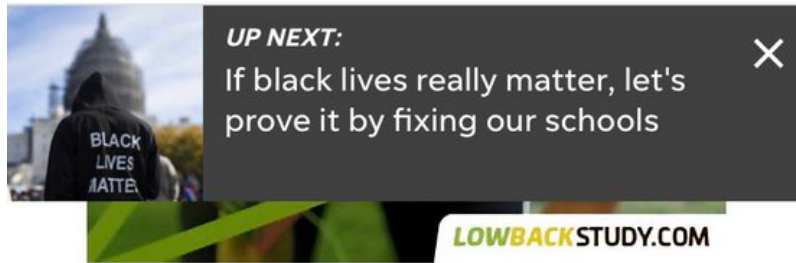
**Jessica A. Hockett** @Wood\_House76 Jun 9, 2020

@vander\_vero @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED Is this for real? I can't even believe this kind of logic. Who is standing up for kids? Anyone? Cc @kerpen <https://t.co/wY1NwVjjwx>



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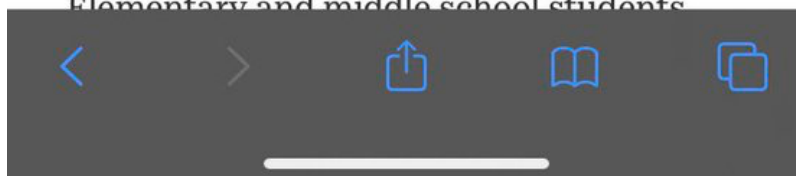


He said the district is considering reducing the school day to about 6 hours. Currently, the school day runs about seven hours a day. A six-hour day, Vitti said, “is the minimum hours a day to meet the state requirement based on 181 calendar days of school.” The shorter day would mean less time in a school building for people to get sick.

Schedules will likely be simplified to provide more emphasis on literacy, mathematics and core classes.

The plan includes three scenarios for reopening in the fall.

Elementary and middle school students



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@vander\_vero @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED Same. I keep wondering if folks have been implanted with a mind control device

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@vander\_vero @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED Why are more parents speaking up and resisting?

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@H12Charlotte @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED Mine too. And we are not disadvantaged. I think districts are telling themselves this works so long as kids have the tech, etc. Nope, it doesn't.

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@vander\_vero @kerpen @BetsyDeVosED My own kids are definitely suffering from lack of social contact. In our area, many parents won't let kids do play dates. It's horrible. I'm very worried about the effects

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[@kerpen](#) This is insanity. The solution is for parents to RISE UP and REBEL against anti-child approaches to public schooling. We don't pay taxes with the assumption that kids will be learning online, on reduced or hybrid schedules, or in communist classrooms. Where is [@BetsyDeVosED](#)?

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