

CPS sent an email last night, Tues, 11.24. [You can read the email sent to parents here](#). A link to the "[Reopening Guide for Parents](#)" is shared in the email. NOTE: Teachers & principals received a different document entitled "Reopening Plan." Please remember this as we all try to talk together about this.

The RYH take? For K-8, it's a numbers game. And it's a "local decision"- by the school and by the numbers schoolwide as well as at the grade level. Be extra nice to your principal in the next couple of months. This sounds like a nightmare to plan plus the numbers can change right before the "reopening" since you can switch from in person to remote up until Feb 1 (or late January, we assume?)

In thinking about the intent forms that K-8 parents are asked to fill out by Dec 7, these are the biggest Raise Your Hand takeaways (come back later if this is too much):

- The "type" of education your student will get starting Feb 1 depends on the numbers (by school & by grade) of students participating in person and those participating remotely.
- It will also depend (by school & by grade) on how many teachers (and maybe even support staff?) participate in person or remote.
- Yes, your child might switch teachers/classrooms (students can be shuffled to meet the intent form responses & the status of the teacher).
- Your child might be part of a fully remote classroom (if you pick remote).
- Your child might be part of a hybrid/remote classroom if you pick remote or hybrid (this is probably the most likely scenario or the one principals would strive for but, again, this is a "local decision" that will depend on numbers; this is the option described in the Phased Reopening plan where hybrid is 2 days in person for those students who opt in person).
- Your child might be part of an in person classroom that attends 5 days a week or at least more than the 2 days a week in the Phased Reopening plan (if you pick hybrid & the numbers work out for your grade level & school & if this is the "local decision"; we doubt this would be an option for many schools, but please note that this is out there as an option.)
- Is there anyway to know which of the above your child will be placed in now while considering that intent form? As far as we can tell, no.
- There is a timeline in the Parent Guide & it states that classroom assignments will be given out on Jan 18.

What should you do now? Seriously, walk away from this for a few days. Make sure you follow your school on social media & receive emails from them. Schools might host a meeting & you want to get that information. Please remember that principals & teachers received this info last night, before a school day off and a long weekend. This is a lot to figure out & they won't have numbers until mid December to even start to plot this out within a school and, possibly, grade by grade. So, be patient. They weren't at the table on this "plan" just like parents weren't at the table.

