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## **Board Recommendation (Approved 10-8-2020)**

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### **Transition from Alternative (A-B Schedule), to a Four Day Instructional Program**

#### **Grades 6-12**

In the Ozark City School System, Grades 6-12 began operating an alternative (A-B) schedule on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The first week running this schedule has gone well. Students are beginning to learn safety procedures such as how to socially distance, when possible, and becoming accustomed to wearing masks while participating in instructional activities. Teachers are also becoming efficient at managing face to face instruction while at the same time attending to the needs of our remote learners.

The next phase of transition will involve bringing secondary students back to school four days a week. The fifth day will continue to be used for cleaning and planning, especially for the program being offered to our remote learners.

#### **Recommendation**

It is my recommendation that effective October 26<sup>th</sup>, all students in the Ozark City School system return to school for face to face instruction on Monday through Thursday. Friday will be a remote learning day for all students to allow teachers to continue planning for the delivery of the learning standards through the Remote Learning Program. Lunches will be served in the schools and walk up service will be available for remote learners at each school cafeteria. Lunches on Fridays will continue to be delivered to the established remote sites around the city. Families may pick them up during the established hours.

#### **Transition to a Five Day Program**

The exact date to transition to a five day face to face instructional program has not been determined. The efficiency of the four day program as well as Dale County infection rates will be critical pieces of data used to make the decision. The number of students opting to continue as remote learners will also be a factor. The goal remains to return to a five day program as soon as possible.