

It was great to see so many happy students and staff back to school this week! We know that with any new learning model there will be unanticipated challenges. With both hybrid and 100% virtual learning options in Port Huron Schools, we are addressing a unique set of challenges that many other districts may not experience.

Our team has been working hard to ensure families have support available in a timely manner. In order to meet the needs of our families, we are working with our educational partners to address variables that are not within our control. Here is an update on some of the most common concerns:

Wifi access: Students that do not have access when they are working remotely, should contact their building principal to determine what options are available to assist them.

Device login issues: Students who are having issues logging into their district provided Chromebook should contact their school building via phone for support accessing the correct login and password.

Virtual course access: Due to the overwhelming demand across the state for virtual courses from Edgenuity and Michigan Virtual, not all of our students had access to their courses at the start of this week. All elementary students should now have access to their courses. Middle school students started the week with math, English and social studies. Now that students are more comfortable with the virtual platforms, we added in social studies and their electives for next week. At the high school level, students in both Edgenuity and Michigan Virtual can access all of their courses as of today. We are extremely thankful for everyone's patience as we have worked through the access issues with Edgenuity, Michigan Virtual and our students.

Parent Support: In order to ensure parents are able to support their students who are working remotely or in the virtual program, we are excited to offer the first round of support sessions in our Parent University. Parents can sign up to attend a parent support session at this [link](#).

Schedule changes: This year we are seeing more schedule changes than we would in a typical year as we work to balance class sizes in our hybrid model. We anticipate change to continue into mid-September as families have the option to return to hybrid from the full virtual program through **Friday, September 18 at noon**. Our goal is to maintain as much consistency as possible for students while also maintaining lower class sizes.

Although we have our challenges to overcome, we also have many things to celebrate this week. Students did an amazing job adjusting to their new schedules, wearing face coverings, and practicing new hygiene routines. We appreciate the continued patience and support from our families and staff as we implement solutions to the challenges we face. We will continue to advocate, innovate and educate as we work *together* through this pandemic.