



# Rockford Public Schools

Quality Community – Quality Schools  
*Together Building a Tradition of Excellence*

October 14, 2020

Dear RPS Families,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Rockford Public Schools has arranged to offer parents/guardians educational choice for the 2020-21 school year. During the first trimester, Rockford Public Schools launched our DK-12 Rockford Virtual program. Students that enrolled made a first trimester commitment. As we prepare for the second trimester (November 16th - February 26th), the purpose of this letter is to communicate registration information for those families seeking a change in placement for their child(ren). Change of placements will be effective for the full 12 weeks of the second trimester. Below is additional information.

If you do not have any intention to consider a change of placement for your child(ren) (from *Rockford Virtual to in-person* or from *in-person to Rockford Virtual*) you can disregard this information. **Students that do not register for a placement change will be scheduled in their current setting.**

As a reminder, the two educational placement options are: 1. A traditional in person model with COVID mitigation strategies at the student's home building. 2. An online learning option titled Rockford Virtual that includes a partner curriculum and a Rockford teacher to guide academic progress. Details of the Rockford Virtual programming can be found on the [Rockford Virtual Webpage](#).

The mid year placement changes require significant district preparation and it is critical that families are knowledgeable about the second trimester placement change registration window. The window will be held from **8:00 am on Tuesday, October 20th to 8:00 am on Thursday, October 22nd**. Directions for change of placement registration can be accessed at [Change of Placement Registration Directions](#) and on the Rockford Virtual Webpage.

Second Trimester Preparation Timeline:

- October 13th -19th Learning Week: Please review information on the district website to inform decisions.
- October 20th and 22nd Registration: This placement change registration window is relevant **ONLY** for those that wish to request a different educational option for the second trimester.
- October 22nd through November 6th: RPS will prepare scheduling and staffing adjustments.
- November 9th: Second trimester student placements are published.
- November 16th: Students begin second trimester placement.

As all continue to navigate through this COVID-19 pandemic, Rockford Public Schools is committed to providing these two educational options in order to provide each family with a situation that meets their needs. If you have any questions, please visit the [Rockford Virtual Webpage](#) or email [venrollment@rockfordschools.org](mailto:venrollment@rockfordschools.org)

Thank You,

Mike Ramm  
Assistant Superintendent of Instruction