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Dear Kensington High School for Creative and Performing Arts Community,

I'm writing to provide an update on the requests received from Students and Staff regarding proposed changes to our digital learning schedule and our next steps as we move forward.

Over the course of the first quarter of virtual school, we have collected feedback and provided surveys to ensure we hear all voices. We have noticed the fatigue for both teachers and students with online learning. Based on this feedback we have worked collaboratively to create a schedule that meets the District guardrails as well as what we believe will improve student engagement and grades, and provide more individualized learning in small groups.

Our new schedule will begin on Monday, February 8, 2021. This digital learning model is for all KCAPA students of all grade levels. The school day hours will remain the same from 8:00 AM to 3:04 PM. Yet, there are many differences in the school day.

- Advisory will be 20 minutes instead of 30 minutes (Monday-Friday).
- Classes will be 60 minutes long (Monday-Thursday).
- There will be ten minute breaks between all classes with the exception of after lunch
- Common lunch everyday (Staff and Students)
  - 12:00-12:30 PM Monday-Thursday
  - 11:30-12:00 PM Friday
- Common true asynchronous time for students each day from 1:30-2:00 PM
  - Asynchronous time is time for students to complete their work during this specified block of time or later in the day.
- Intervention Block 2:00-3:00 PM (Monday-Thursday). During this time students will be provided with opportunities to participate in Small Group Instruction, 1:1 time with teachers, and true asynchronous time if the teacher has not scheduled them for a session. If scheduled for Small Group Instruction, students will report using the same link as they do during the morning session. Students who are not pulled for small groups and are working asynchronously will be provided **REQUIRED** work by the teacher. This may include doing Achieve 3000 or Image Math activities. Failure to complete this work will impact a student's grade.
- Flex Friday's will continue
  - Shortened advisory: 20 minutes
  - 35-40 minute periods
    - Attendance
    - Review of asynchronous work for the day
    - Small Group Instruction for some/asynchronous for the rest
  - 10 minute breaks between classes
  - Full asynchronous afternoon
  - PD for teachers in afternoon

These unprecedented times have required all of us to be flexible as we adapt to this new digital learning environment in the era of COVID-19. We know that this new schedule will cause everyone to adjust slightly to the new times and procedures. Yet, we are confident that it will better support the needs of our students.

Respectfully,

Mrs. McDermott-Fair

Principal, Kensington CAPA High School

## Kensington CAPA Digital Schedule

*Start date: Monday February 8, 2021*

## Alternating A/B Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Flex Friday Alternating A/B Schedule
<b>8:00-8:20</b>	<b>Advisory</b>	<b>Advisory</b>	<b>Advisory</b>	<b>Advisory</b>	<b>Advisory</b>
<b>8:30-9:30</b>	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Synchronous (attendance and review of instructional goal for the day) & Asynchronous <b>8:30-9:05</b> Period 1 Scheduled Small Groups  <b>9:15-9:50</b> Period 2 with Scheduled Small Groups  <b>10:00-10:40</b> Period 3 with Scheduled Small Groups  <b>10:50-11:30</b> Period 4 with Scheduled Small Groups  <b>11:30-12:00</b> Student & Staff Lunch
<b>9:40-10:40</b>	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	
<b>10:50-11:50</b>	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	
<b>12-12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>12:30-1:30</b>	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	
<b>1:30-2:00</b>	Teacher Prep/30 minute student asynchronous work	Teacher Prep/30 minute student asynchronous work	Teacher Prep/30 minute student asynchronous work	Teacher Prep/30 minute student asynchronous work	
<b>2:00-3:00</b>	Intervention Block (1:1 meetings, small groups, tutoring, enrichment and workshops)	Intervention Block (1:1 meetings, small groups, tutoring, enrichment and workshops)	Intervention Block (1:1 meetings, small groups, tutoring, enrichment and workshops)	Intervention Block (1:1 meetings, small groups, tutoring, enrichment and workshops)	<b>12:00-3:04</b> -PD for Staff -Asynchronous work for students