

Letter to parents July 10, 2020

Dear Parents:

Thank you for your patience as we develop our “Return to School Plan” for the 2020-2021 school year. We have been working on our plan for the past couple of months. We have had to make several changes as protocol changes. This is such a moving target! We have been in discussion with many districts in our county and around the state about a return to school plan. We have also reviewed several out of state model plans. We have combined that information into our plan for Berryhill Public Schools.

We are trying to make the best decisions based on the information that we have. But, our world is constantly changing! So, it’s requiring us to put a lot of tentative plans in place—realizing we may have to change at a moment’s notice.

But, literally, we’re a month away from our district opening and things could still change in that month. Not that we want it to change, but just knowing what’s out there with the rising cases of COVID-19.

Our goal is to have our plan ready and share with our parents the end of July—first of August.

Our “Return to School Plan” details some of the following:

- **Phases and timelines**
- **Employee and student safety**
- **Employee and student screening protocols**
- **Health protocol**
- **Guidance if exposed to COVID-19**
- **Social distancing**
- **Limited access to certain workspaces to reduce exposure**
- **Facilities cleaning**
- **General disinfection measures**
- **Deep cleaning and disinfection protocol**
- **Signage used throughout the offices and school**
- **Food delivery**
- **Bus driver/bus protocols**
- **COVID-19 case form**
- **Restroom usage during the work day**
- **Locker rooms**
- **Visitors on campus**
- **Cafeteria and serving protocol**
- **Transportation checklists**
- **Social-emotional well-being of students and staff**

- **Staff training and professional development**
- **Communication methods**
- **Receiving and returning student work if district closes**
- **Packet distribution**
- **Enrollment options**

Every aspect of our opening will require constant monitoring and planning!

We will also create a “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)” to share with our parents. Hopefully, this will answer a lot of your questions and concerns.

Here, are the results of our parent surveys we sent to you earlier:

Middle school/high school:

Return to school with traditional/in-person learning – 93%

Virtual learning – 7%

North elementary:

Return to school with traditional/in-person learning – 94.7%

Virtual learning – 4.7%

Not planning on returning – 0.6%

South elementary:

Return to school with traditional/in-person learning – 95%

Virtual learning – 4.2%

Not planning on returning – 0.84%

We are also planning on making one change to our school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. This change will be recommended at our next board meeting for board approval. We are recommending that the first day of classes will begin on Friday, August 14. This will give our staff an extra day of professional development and training before the school year begins.

Thank you so much for your patience and support during these most difficult times.

Sincerely,

**Mike Campbell
Superintendent of Schools**