

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Update on Moscow School District's draft plan for the upcoming school year (Things are changing by the minute due to the recent spike).

As you read the following information, please understand this is a draft. I am providing this information for you to provide feedback and let me know what additional information is needed for your family. I have shared this information with the staff, but since then there has been a spike in positive cases throughout the State of Idaho so additional changes may be warranted. I also ask that you complete the survey using the link below so I can obtain further information regarding the instructional format possibilities that may need to be considered during these unprecedented times.

I am inviting parents and guardians to attend a "Community Chat with the Superintendent" Zoom meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. You can click on the link below to login. Please note this meeting is for general questions and sharing of ideas regarding re-opening our schools and is not a time to address issues specific to your child or their teachers. I plan to schedule these meetings to provide updates and gathering input on a regular basis as we move forward over the next few months. I have been holding Zoom meetings weekly with our staff since school has been out and have had 25 to 65 staff members logging in each week.

As you view the following plans, I, along with our staff members and Trustees, want you to know the plan was developed with the students and staff members safety as the first priority, but also with understanding the need to get as many students as possible back in school for their academic and mental health wellbeing. I have frequently stated to the staff during the development of the plan that we need to take every precaution that is reasonable and necessary, while maintaining some flexibility allowing us to make changes as the situation evolves.

The draft plan will continue to be worked on throughout the summer. I do not expect to finalize the plan until mid-August due to the ongoing changes that are occurring due to COVID-19. Please understand while the district will most likely not be able to meet all needs and requests, it is our goal to provide a safe and healthy school environment.

[MSD DO Pandemic Operation Plan - Google Docs.docx](#) [MSD Facilities and Operations Pandemic Operations Plan.docx](#) [MSD Quarantine and School Absence Policy Draft.docx](#) [MSD Secondary School Pandemic Operations Plan \(1\).docx](#) [MSD SNS Pandemic Operations Plan - DRAFT.docx](#) [MSD Transportation Pandemic Operation Plan - DRAFT.docx](#) [MSD Elementary School Pandemic Operations Plan Draft 6 2020.docx](#)

#### **Other Information:**

**Learning Management System (LMS):** After reviewing survey results from parents during the distance-learning period, it was clear that one of the large frustrations for parents and students was the amount of sites they had to log into to complete assignments, get messages, or see grades. To help in making this easier for everyone involved, it was determined that we needed a common LMS for easy access to all online sites used in the instruction. This will also allow parents with multiple children in our school district to go to this single site to retrieve all their children's' work, check grades, or communicate with their children's teachers. This program is similar to Blackboard, which is used currently by the U of I.

The district plans on having our staff use this program within their classrooms as well, so if we have to close school during the year, or if a student has to quarantine at home, they would have a much smoother transition to the distance-learning format. More information about how this system works will be shared as we move closer to the school year.

## **Parent/Guardian Survey Regarding School Re-Opening**

Please click on the following Site to access the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Re-Opening2020-21>

## **Community Chat with the Superintendent (Zoom Online Meeting)**

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89595741236?pwd=QnlsRk1pMmFYdGhBL2tZNDhidWgrUT09>

Password: 8B7T7h

Or join by phone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

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International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89595741236?pwd=QnlsRk1pMmFYdGhBL2tZNDhidWgrUT09>

Thank you in advance for joining me in the community Zoom meeting, reviewing the draft plans, and completing the survey to share your ideas, concerns, and questions. Your input, along with our staff members, is very important to us as we work to finalize the plan to re-open our schools.

Sincerely,

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