

January 21, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the Moscow School District Special Board Meeting held this past Tuesday night, the Board of Trustees approved schools moving to a four-day face-to-face instruction with Wednesdays continuing to be a Distance Learning day. The Online Only option will also continue for the remainder of the year. The plan at this time would be to begin this model of instruction the week following Spring Break (March 22nd).

This decision is pending on all school district personnel having had the opportunity to complete the full regime of the COVID-19 vaccinations and the full two weeks after the final vaccination. Currently, staff are completing their first round of vaccinations today and tomorrow. This will allow us to be on track to meet this requirement.

In an addendum to the motion, it was stated the district will need to continue monitoring community transmission rates and Moscow High School is provided the flexibility for a fourth quarter start if it is in the best interest of the students to move to this model at the end of the 3rd quarter. This would mean that the start of the four days of face-to-face instruction for MHS would begin on Monday, April 12th. The Board will be asking Mr. Perryman, Principal of Moscow High, for a recommendation on this matter closer to Spring Break.

As always, we will continue to be monitoring the COVID-19 related data for increase and other health hazards.

At the Special Board Meeting, the discussion began by sharing data gathered by Public Health and the District regarding cases in the district as well as the community, and various surveys that were conducted. We also invited Dr. Summer Day, Moscow Family Medicine Pediatrician, and Carol Moehrle, Regional Director for Idaho North Central Public Health, to provide information and advisement as we made this important decision. In addition, prior to the meeting Dr. Day, and I, received input from Dr. John Brown, Chief Medical Officer for Gritman Hospital regarding his thoughts on returning students to the classroom. We also asked the building administrators their thoughts on the topic.

With the data information provided, support from the medical and health representatives, and support from administration, the motion to move forward in changing models was determined. If you have questions, please either contact your child's building administrator or myself.

Sincerely,
Gregory J. Bailey, Ph.D.
Superintendent
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