

Dear Cyclone Family,

Over the past several months, school systems from across the nation, have been scrambling to determine the best options for providing instruction and content to our students during a global pandemic. While we hope to get back to a traditional model, technology-based delivery models continue to be explored and discussed as alternatives should the virus make a resurgence in our area. We have a task force of teachers and administrators that are researching and reviewing guidance each day. We are constantly looking the number of cases, new outbreaks and community spread. We have daily and weekly calls and video conferences with area health department administrators, state education officials, other school system superintendents, and supervisors in an effort to share information and make the best decisions for our region. We do this because the safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance as we move closer to the start of a new year.

Make no mistake about it, student and staff safety must be at the center of every decision as we move forward. That being said, there are going to be health risks. There are no guarantees that if we open as we have for years, that there could be a change overnight. Everyone must understand that even the best plans or safest preventative measures will only be effective if everyone follows the guidelines on social distancing and preventative measures. Our efforts must be steadfast and consistent. While this virus doesn't necessarily focus on children, they are not excluded from the possibility of becoming infected, or carrying the virus to teachers, parents, and other family members.

Our community must move forward for the sake of our economy and our families that are unable to work. Having said that, we still have to find the safest way to provide quality instruction regardless of the delivery method. We know there are no easy answers and situations change daily... even hourly. As we begin to narrow the focus, we are asking for your input to help guide our direction. While our hope is to open the doors to everyone, we will have other delivery options that allow us to make changes quickly.

Further guidance will be shared as information is updated. Please click on the survey link below and take a few moments to provide us with your feedback:

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