

Dear Buckley Community,

While we continue to work on our return to school plan, we wanted to pass along some specifics regarding next school year. Our plan will be considered for approval August 11, 2020 at the regular board meeting. The recommendations for that plan will be generated using the Return to Learn Road Map, CDC guidelines, and a community group that includes students, parents, teachers, support staff and community members.

The district plans to return to face-to-face learning on Sept. 8, 2020, which is a half day of school. Our school calendar can be found at www.buckleyschools.com. We are planning in person instruction five (5) days a week. If our region were to move to a phase 1-3 per an executive order, your child would be using the same platform they used for in person instruction with their teacher from Buckley. The feedback families provided us very clearly asked for one system for all students, across all classes and grade levels. Our learning management system for next school year is called OTUS, and is something many students and staff are already familiar with and will be utilized by the entire district. There will be some upcoming parent training with utilizing this system in August. Also be on the lookout for more information regarding our open house as this will look differently than previous years.

Students who intend to ride the bus, will be required to wear a face covering to protect our students and staff, as we will not be able to maintain social distancing during that time. All student will also need to wear face coverings during passing times in the hallways. One gator style face covering will be provided for all students K-12 thanks our PTO, Sports Boosters, and Student Council. Students preschool through 6th grade will not be required to wear them during the majority of their class time. More information to come regarding secondary students and face coverings.

Buckley will be offering a completely virtual option for grades K-12. If you are interested in enrolling in our virtual program please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/RcRG7Ht19VgVRQD16>. There will be a virtual parent meeting on August 3rd at 6:00pm that will provide more details regarding our virtual program that can be found on the Buckley Schools calendar, or by following this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81242818735?pwd=U29WaDI0cVpxa2RNMVBkbktCYkJBdz09>. High School students, who meet academic and attendance requirements in the virtual program, would be eligible to participate in Buckley sports.

The school is also working diligently this summer to equip the building with the necessary equipment to prevent the spread of germs or viruses including hand sanitizer, hand washing stations, water bottle fillers, face coverings, temperature checks, social distancing signs and much more. As more information becomes available, or as things evolve, we will be certain to pass along information.

Yours in Education,

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