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BACK TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Dear YKSD Community,

During our YKSD Special Board meeting on July 9th, the Regional Board discussed YKSD's school reopening plans for the upcoming school year. While there are numerous details to be completed, our goal is to have a universal YKSD Smart Start School Reopening Plan in place for staff and community input and review during the first week of in-service in August. Next week, I will send out additional, more specific, details and a draft plan for your review and input.

Highlights of the YKSD Reopening Plan

- **Staff and Community members have been surveyed. If you haven't completed the survey, please provide comment at: [2020 Fall YKSD Reopening Family Survey](#)**
- **A paper survey was mailed out and included a stamped addressed envelope for ease of completion.**

YKSD River Schools are opening as GREEN using the CDC School Reopening Guidance (see attached)

- Students first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th
- A revised calendar will be sent out after the school board reviews and approves the changes
- Students will attend full days Monday-Friday
- Stringent sanitizing procedures for school transportation, classrooms, lunchrooms and common areas will be in place
- Touch-less hand sanitizing stations, masks and gloves will be available
- Social distancing will be practiced and classrooms will be arranged to accommodate smaller cohorts
- Daily COVID-19 screenings, including temperature checks will be required in all schools
- Students will be issued individualized art supplies
- Students and staff will be required to wear mask
- Parents, staff and community members will be provided with training on screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- If the District moves into the YELLOW risk category, parents will be notified immediately
 - Sanitation will be increased throughout the day

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- Classroom Sizes will be reduced and gym and common area spaces will be utilized to limit the number of students grouped together
- If the District moves into category RED with high community spread, all school work will be remote learning.

Important Dates

- **First Day of School** is September 8th, 2020
- **Coordinators** Report to Work – Aug 3rd
- **Principals** Report to Work - Aug 3rd
- **New Teachers** Report to Work - Aug 6th
- **Returning Teachers** Report to Work - Aug 10th
- **Principal Aides** Attend COVID Training on Aug 10th and then report to work on Aug 24th
- **Teacher Aides** – Attend COVID Training on Aug 10th, Instructional Training on Aug 11th & report to work September 1st
- **Support Team** (bus driver, cooks, custodians and maintenance) Attend COVID-19 training Aug 10th, report to work September 2nd
- **Teacher Work Day** to prepare class September 1st-4th
- **District Office and Raven Offices** open August 3rd with doors locked to the public

The first two weeks for River School Staff will be focused on professional development for COVID-19 training, planning and instructional practices, and setting up classrooms and common spaces.

Quarantining Requirements per local community protocols and State Health Mandates: Staff who traveled fourteen (14) days prior to their contract start date for the 2020/2021 school year are required to quarantine for up to 14 days depending on local requirements.

- **New Teachers** new to AK and/or have traveled out of AK less than 14 days to their contract start date- Quarantine begins August 3rd
- **Returning Teachers** who traveled out of Alaska or YKSD Village Assigned Community- Quarantine begins August 10th
- **Returning Principals** who traveled out of Alaska or YKSD Village Assigned Community- Quarantine begins August 3rd
- **Returning Teachers and Principals** who have not traveled will report to work at their School Community per contract.

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On August 13th, YKSD is hosting a virtual Townhall meeting from 11:00-12:00 with Dr. Zink, Chief Medical officer for Alaska. Department of Education Commissioner Johnson and other members of the DHSS/DEED Education Team will be providing providing COVID-19 information and will have time to answer questions from staff and community members. We will be posting the information on the website so you can connect to the call.

A big thank you to community leadership from tribal and city offices for sharing travel guidelines and protocols! We are doing our best to ensure we are taking the health and well-being of our students, staff, and communities as our top priority. We are missing the students and will be glad to have everyone back in the classrooms!

Sincerely,

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ALASKA SMART START 2020

Definition of a Low, Medium, and High Risk School Environment Per Community

High Risk	Widespread community transmission. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High level of community transition: Outbreaks or increases in cases and recent laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19.
Medium Risk	Some community transmission. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low to moderate level of community transmission: Minimal amount of laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 as determined by community.
Low Risk	No community transmission. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, and no reported increase in the number of cases over the last 14 days.

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