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Dear Bellevue Learning Community

We are committed to keeping you informed about returning to school in the fall by sending you updates regularly. We will share with you our latest plans, though some details will still be under development and not yet finalized.

OUR GOALS

- The health and well-being of our students continues to be our highest priority.
- We are committed to providing each student a full year of learning that meets our shared value of excellence.
- Learning model options will provide flexibility to meet the needs of students and families.

LEARNING MODELS

Currently the district is proposing two draft models for our return to school:

Option 1: Offering both 100 Percent In-person Learning and 100% Remote Learning. In this option, we will ask families to choose between these two learning models for each of their students. More detail is provided below.

Option 2: Hybrid Model with student spending time in-person and remote combined with a 100% Remote Learning Model. In this option, we will ask families to choose between the Hybrid Model and the 100% Remote Learning Model for each of their students. More details are provided below.

100 Percent Remote Learning for Both Models: Both models will allow for families to choose to enroll in full-time remote learning. The commitment is for the fall semester. Families will be asked whether they will continue this option in the spring semester.

OUR PROCESS

- Our planning includes educators, students, administrators, parents, labor partners, and community stakeholders.
- Several implementation teams are preparing recommendations on instruction and operations for in-person and remote learning. This includes planning for physical distancing and school sanitation.
- Join one of our Steering Committee meetings to hear plans as they take shape:
  - July 15, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
  - July 29, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
  - August 12, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

DRAFT 100 PERCENT IN-PERSON MODEL DETAILS

- K-12th grade students will attend in-person. A student’s day to day experience will be very similar to the past with the addition of layers of prevention and protection as outlined below.
- Because a portion of district students will be opting for 100 percent remote learning, physical distancing will be possible in this model. Safety measures will be put in place to ensure student health and well-being, including:
requiring face coverings, designing classrooms with physical distancing in mind, providing hand sanitizing stations and making handwashing a part of the day’s activities, reducing student movement (lunch in classrooms, specialists come to students at elementary schools, and longer passing periods for secondary students to reduce hallway traffic).

DRAFT HYBRID MODEL DETAILS

In the case of a hybrid learning model:

- K-2nd-grade students will attend school in-person full time. Class sizes will allow for physical distancing in the classroom.
- Students in 3rd – 12th grade will attend classes in-person two full days per week plus alternating Wednesdays and attend classes through remote access two days per week plus alternating Wednesdays. Each class will have half of the students in-person while half of the students are engaging through remote access to the class. This model is still in draft form while implementation teams work on specific details.
- Some students at all grade levels will be provided in-person instruction daily based on specific needs.

What it looks like: In Monday’s math class, Student A is in the classroom and Student B is learning from home via live broadcast. The teacher dedicates a portion of class time where students work in small groups on problem-solving. Student A and Student B are paired, bridging the gap between in-school and remote, creating connection, and sustaining learning. On Thursday, Student B is learning in the classroom and Student A is learning from home via live broadcast.

WHAT’S NEXT

- Later this week you will be asked to complete an Intent to Enroll form. This information will be used for planning purposes as we move toward opening schools this fall.
- Dr. Ivan Duran, Superintendent, will communicate with you on July 30 and August 19 as decisions are finalized.
- Later this summer, we will communicate BSD’s protocols around closure and a return to 100 percent remote learning, should there be a renewed outbreak of COVID-19.

MORE INFORMATION

- Please visit https://bsd405.org/fall2020
- Planning for Fall - Frequently Asked Questions