

Hello to our district students and families.

We know that you are eagerly awaiting to hear our school plans for the fall. We wanted to provide you with an update of our progress.

First and foremost, the ability to reopen will depend on the health of our community. Our ability to bring students back to school in the fall directly depends on the health of our community. Anything you can do to follow and promote behaviors that will help reduce the spread of illness will help us be able to bring our students back to school. Thank you for any help you can provide!

Over the course of the past 6 weeks, our District leadership team has collaborated with Chippewa County Department of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, State Health Organizations, the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and other School Districts. We have participated in every information webinar and planning session we could.

On June 22nd, we brought together a larger group of leaders and school representatives to continue our efforts. At the same time, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction published Education Forward, a guidance document for Wisconsin district and school leaders to use as they plan for a safe, efficient, and equitable return to school for the 2020-21 school year amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The good news is that our early planning is closely aligned with this guidance. We are calling this our Road Map to Reopening 100 Day Plan.

Essentially, we are breaking our options into 3 categories: Low Risk, Moderate Risk, and High Risk. The risk criteria are based on the health of our community. As we plan, we are considering the following for each category:

- **Low Risk:** Return to in person learning in the Fall, with some restrictions.
- **Moderate Risk:** A blend of in person, and virtual learning.
- **High Risk:** 100% virtual learning.

We are developing criteria for each risk category under 3 pillars of consideration. They are: Instructional, Operations, and Culture, Health & Wellness. Each category has unique challenges that we will need to overcome. We will share the plan details as we get closer to the start of the school year.

We have to make sure that reopening schools in any category is safe for our students, staff, and community.

As we monitor the health of our community, and continue to update and improve our planning, we will provide you with periodic updates as we progress.

Thank you for your continued support of education and our community