

2021-22 School Year Update

June 29, 2021

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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Dear District 12 Families,

How is it possible that we are headed into July already? Around the district, we continue to ask when things are going to slow down because so far, it hasn't happened. However, I hope that you and your family are enjoying the more relaxed summer schedule and experiencing the many activities that we missed out on last summer.

I'm writing today to provide an update on directives and guidance we have received from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education. Last year at this time, we had received the guidance from the state, and exactly one year ago today, I was on a webinar working with other superintendents and state leaders to interpret the guidance.

As of today, we have not received any information for the opening of school. Knowing that we are just seven weeks from the opening of school, this is frustrating for all, including our families. I know this and share in your frustration.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter sent to Governor Pritzker, Deputy Governor Ruiz, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the state superintendent and all members of the Illinois State Board of Education. It details and specifies the areas of critical information needed by school districts to successfully begin the 2021-22 school year. The letter was signed by hundreds of superintendents across the state. Our purpose in sharing this with our constituents is to keep you informed of the efforts by school districts to get the information we need to open our schools. We will be reaching out to our legislators and using social media to get the word out that we need our state officials to give us the information we need.

Where Does Our Planning for Next Year Stand?

Below is a slide from the May Board of Education meeting that details what school would look like if the guidance remains the same with social distancing and masks. Again, this is based on guidance released in March, and it is the latest guidance we have.



What will the Fall of 2021 look like?

- All students should plan to return to full-time learning in person
- Distancing in classrooms will follow most updated guidance (currently 3-6 feet)
- Lunch will follow most updated guidance (currently 6 feet apart)
- Use of masks will follow most updated guidance (currently full-time use)
- Bus capacity will follow most updated guidance (currently 50 students per bus)
- Sports and activities are expected to return, including fourth and fifth grade band (Exact requirements will follow the most updated guidance)



Kindergarten Registration

As of today, we have 52 students registered for kindergarten. This is far below our enrollment projections. We have not hired a fourth teacher for kindergarten as this number of students would require only three classrooms. With teacher shortages at an all time high, it is concerning that we may struggle to find a quality teacher if we have many families who wait until the last minute to register. If you have questions about registration, please call Mrs. Dumelle at 630-529-2091.

I will continue to provide you with information as quickly as I receive it. Thank you for continuing to support our schools!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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