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Dear Families,

I hope your family has been able to enjoy your summer break so far. Here in the District Office, we've been working hard to develop a plan to bring students back to school this fall. This has been a challenging task, and there are no simple or easy answers when it comes to safely opening our schools again. However, thanks to the efforts of our school principals and teachers, we feel that we now have a workable plan. This week, we have received tentative approval from both our local School Board and Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) for this plan. Let me emphasize several key points that may help you to understand the reasons for the plan that we have proposed.

- 1. It is almost a certainty that some of our <u>students and staff members will become</u> <u>infected with COVID-19</u> this year. We have to plan for that certainty.
- 2. When a student or staff member becomes infected with COVID-19, <u>anyone who has</u> <u>been in close contact with that individual will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days</u> by EIPH. Close contact means being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes in a given day.
- 3. <u>Students will be in close contact with each other</u> unless we implement a schedule that reduces the number of students in our classrooms, school buses, and cafeterias at the same time. Teachers, especially in elementary school, may also be in close contact with students.
- 4. To ensure that learning continues for all students, including those who are quarantined, teachers will need to be able to effectively develop and provide both face-to-face and online learning (blended learning).
- 5. <u>Teachers will need more time</u> to meet the demands of both online and in-person instruction.
- 6. As the active rates of COVID-19 in Bonneville County climb, EIPH will identify steps for our community to take to slow the spread of the disease. These actions are published on EIPH's website (eiph.idaho.gov). As a public school district, we have the responsibility to take the steps that we can to meet these steps.

The following page provides an overview of the plan. You may read the entire plan by going to the following link: https://d93.org/ReopeningPlan.

We would also like to hear your thoughts on the plan before the Board finalizes their approval of it. To share your feedback, please go to https://d93.org/ReopeningPlan_FamilySurvey. We will also host a family meeting on Thursday, July 16th at 8:00 pm on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/bjsd93) for parents to ask other questions.

Thank you so much for all of your support,

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Four-Phase Plan to Reopen Schools

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Critical Risk
Schedule	K - 6th: 5 days per week at school 2nd and 4th Mondays online (1 hour) 7th - 12th: 4 days per week at school Every Monday online (4 hours)	K - 12th: 2 days per week at school; 3 days online at home A-K: Tue & Wed L-Z: Thu & Fri	K - 12th: 1 day per week at school; 4 days online at home Tue: Last names from A through D Wed: Last names from E through K Thu: Last names L through R Fri: Last names S through Z	K-12th: 5 days per week online Buildings closed to students and for community use
Families	 ✓ Check children for symptoms each day ✓ Keep sick children home for 72 hours after symptoms end ✓ Support student learning at home on non-school days 			✓ Support student learning at home
Teachers & Support Staff	✓ Self monitor for symptoms and stay home for 72 hours after symptoms end ✓ Check children for symptoms twice per day ✓ Isolate symptomatic children for parent pick up ✓ Establish routines for daily sanitization of common surfaces			✓ Provide online remote instruction according to adopted schedule
Face Masks	 ✓ Masks encouraged when in close physical proximity ✓ Masks may be required by teachers 	 ✓ Masks encouraged when in close physical proximity ✓ Masks may be required by teachers 	✓ Masks required when in close physical proximity	
Activities	 Limited to IHSAA-approved activities until January 1st Other clubs and activities must submit a plan No field trips, assemblies or other large group activities 		 IHSAA activities suspended No club activities No other extracurricular or nonessential activities 	
Busing	Normal bus routes with assigned seats and loading routines	Increased physical distancing with assigned seats and loading / unloading routines		No student transportation
Child Nutrition	Normal meals with hand sanitization routines	 Normal meals with physical distancing and hand sanitization Meal pick up available on non-scheduled days 		Meal pick up only at designated sites