July 20, 2020

Dear School District of Washington Families,

I want to begin by stating how grateful I am to work with such tremendous people. There have been many individuals who have spent a great deal of time since March planning for the summer, and the 2020-2021 school year. The task is overwhelming at times, but they just roll up their sleeves and get to work, doing the very best they can.

At this time, I want to provide an overview of the plans being made. The overview document outlines a green, yellow, and red plan, any of which could be implemented at any given time as circumstances change. After months of weekly meetings with area school district leaders, medical professionals, and public health officials, as well as analysis of data from parent and staff surveys, the plans have been developed and aligned.

Please know how much we appreciate the parents for completing the survey. As you might imagine, there are many different views. As a school district, we take this feedback and compare it to what advisement we are receiving from our local and state health departments, medical experts, and the variety of other organizations assisting school districts with pandemic response. We had 1866 responses to our survey. 69.8% responded they were slightly to very concerned about their child’s safe return to school. Survey respondents also seemed most concerned about sanitizing and cleaning procedures as well as the ability to social distance. In terms of the response to “how school should resume,” 47.5% feel school should resume with in-person instruction with added safety measures, 20.5% of parents feel a plan for all three (in person, hybrid schedule, and e-learning/online) should be developed, and 16.9% feel the District should provide an e-learning option. Meanwhile, 15% indicated we should go completely back to normal operation.

In addition to parents, we also surveyed our staff. The results of the surveys can be found on our website at www.washington.k12.mo.us. Thank you to those who took the time to provide feedback.

The overview document identifying our general plans has been provided to give some advance notice. A detailed plan outlining numerous protocols is under final development and will be presented to the Board of Education at their July 29, 2020 meeting. The entire plan will then be shared with the public. A decision regarding how we start the year will be announced by August 10.

Parent Choice e-learning (online virtual courses) registration will begin July 21 and run through July 30. Registration documents can be found on our website (address above).

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation as we plan forward and kick off the 2020-2021 school year. If we continue to work together, we will persevere and make the most of this bad situation. One thing is for sure, we can’t wait to see our students again. Ultimately, we want to be in school with healthy kids and staff!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori VanLeer
Superintendent of Schools
The School District of Washington Re-Entry Plan for 2020-2021

Vision: The School District of Washington will provide an inspiring educational environment by means of challenging, relevant and purposeful learning experiences designed to prepare students for their future. We are committed to an engaged and customized approach to education. We encourage innovation and development of creativity to help students explore their purpose and passions as they acquire the skills and attributes necessary to be college and career ready.

**Scenario 1: On campus**
- **On-campus/In-Person**: Students attend school on campus and meet in person for instruction from certified SDOW educators.
- **Curriculum**: Curriculum is taught and the Google Classroom/Schoology learning management system used to support classroom content, organization and student intervention.
- **Implementation of health practices**: Implementation of health practices as advised by CDC guidance and local public health departments (screening, distancing where applicable, scheduled transitions, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, etc.).
- **Masks**: Masks may become required for staff and students in certain grades/buildings, water bottles only (drinking fountains closed).

**Scenario 2/3: Hybrid Model (in-person & e-learning)**
- **Scenario 2 (Secondary Schools only, Elementary remains in Scenario 1)**: Students attend on a modified schedule designed to reduce class sizes (on campus two days, e-learning three days) on A or B days (A days last names A-K, B days last names L-Z).
- **Scenario 3 (Secondary & Elementary Schools)**: All students attend on a modified schedule designed to reduce class sizes (on campus two days, e-learning three days) on A or B days (schedule coming soon).
- **Curriculum**: Curriculum is taught with an emphasis on focus skills and the Google Classroom/Schoology learning management system used to support classroom content, organization and student intervention.
- **Implementation of health practices**: Implementation of health practices and other recommendations (same as scenario 1). Masks may become required.

**Scenario 4: E-Learning**
- **E-learning at Home**: Students participate in newly designed e-learning at home.
- **Teachers**: Teachers will be using the Google Classroom/Schoology learning management system to support classroom content, organization and student intervention.
- **Curriculum**: Curriculum is taught by SDOW certified educators.
- **Virtual Learning**: An all virtual learning program may also include courses provided by external, but SDOW approved, online vendors with SDOW educators serving as the teachers of record.

**Parent Choice**: Families will have the option to enroll in SDOW facilitated or approved virtual learning environment for students in grades K-12, regardless of whether or not the District is in Scenario 1-4 above. Registration information coming soon!

Any of the above scenarios could occur within the school year. Please plan accordingly. Subject to change at any time. We appreciate your cooperation.