



June 26, 2020

Prairie Families & Staff,

Our first phase of Return to Learn planning is nearly complete. By July 1, CCSD will submit our plan to the Iowa Department of Education. This required plan does not detail exactly what will occur in August because specific actions will depend upon the current conditions with COVID-19 in our community as we near the start of the school year. This initial plan is a document that lists assurances and general actions each district in Iowa will take in their planning process. In addition to working through these assurances to submit to the Iowa Department of Education, our team has been working to develop several scenarios related to the three methods of Return to Learn specified by the state:

- On-Site Learning (Return to in-person instruction at your child's assigned school, full time)
- Hybrid Learning (Return with a combination of part-time remote/at-home learning and part-time on-site learning)
- Required Continuous Learning (Required full-time remote/at-home learning)

While these models are allowable across the state, each school district in Iowa must consider their local factors when determining the feasibility of these plans. Some of the considerations we are taking in account are what went well during our spring school closure, our district's unique transportation needs, our one-campus setup, childcare needs of staff and families, and existing and needed infrastructure for remote learning. The Iowa Department of Education expects on-site instruction to be the default model with districts adjusting to other models based on local conditions.

Our next phase of planning involves developing information for our families that is accessible to understand the different aspects of our plan that may need to be mobilized in relation to the development of COVID-19 in the summer months and in the fall. **A key part of this process is gathering input from staff and families on the impact of the difficult decisions we will be making to prepare for school in the fall. We are asking you to complete this survey to help us understand more about your concerns and gather your ideas.**

It is essential that we get a large response to this survey. It will take about 10 minutes to complete. We will also plan to send an abbreviated version of this survey in August as we get closer to the start of the school year, given the condition of the pandemic at that time. At this time, we are making no adjustments to our school calendar and the first day of school is August 24.

Please note regarding this survey:

- 1) There will be two active surveys during this window, one for FAMILIES and one for STAFF. If you fall into both of these categories, please complete **both** surveys.
- 2) The survey window will be June 26 - July 15. We will send frequent reminders. If you receive a reminder and have already filled out the survey, please disregard these reminders.

- 3) We will be asking for your email address and the name of the person filling out the survey. This will not be shared. This information is necessary for us to monitor participation and allow us to target services or follow up on an individual basis if needed.
- 4) This is a chance for you to communicate the impact of different decisions related to your child's/children's education and the continued development of COVID-19. This survey is not intended to vote or choose one model over another. Our default model will be on-site instruction if it is safe and logistically feasible. This input will help us monitor the negative impacts when making difficult decisions related to school closure.
- 5) We are looking for all children to be represented in this survey to get the most accurate information we can. For children who reside in multiple households, we are asking for one parent/guardian to fill out the survey for the child/children impacted one time.

We look forward to your input. Thank you for taking the time to read this introductory information, complete the survey, and engage with our communication efforts during this crisis. Thank you for your support of the students of College Community Schools.

In Service,
Dr. Doug Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools

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