



NEWLOTHROP AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

September 1, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, & Community Members,

In an effort to ensure the academic support and success of our students and teaching staff during these unprecedented times, I am recommending the following revisions to the approved New Lothrop Area Public Schools Board of Education Reopening Plan. Implementation of the recommendations below would start on Tuesday, September 8th (students first day of school).

Remote Learning Fridays:

To increase academic support and communication for all DK-12 students, parents, and to allow teachers time to prepare for both in-person and virtual learners we are implementing Remote Learning Fridays. During these designated Fridays, teachers will hold student office hours for academic support, parents will have the opportunity to communicate with their child's teacher, host Individual Educational Plan (IEP) team meetings, along with allowing teachers the opportunity to develop and implement their lesson plans and instruction for the following week. Remote Learning Fridays are meant for all students and parents, no matter if your child is attending school in-person or virtually. Students will not be introduced to new material or instruction (in-person or virtual) on Remote Learning Fridays. Rather, students will be completing work from Thursday's lesson plan and have further opportunity for academic support. In addition, K-6 students will be working on i-Ready instructional lessons in math and reading.

We understand that we have parents that work 5-day work weeks, so we will be offering free latchkey from 7:50 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. with limited spacing for elementary students (priority will be youngest to oldest) on the Remote Learning Fridays. If you are interested, please contact the elementary office at 810-638-5026. Teachers will be reporting during their scheduled hours on the Remote Learning Fridays.

Dates are as follows: September 18, September 25, October 2, & October 9

We will review the effectiveness of Remote Learning Fridays every two weeks and communicate to students and parents if we continue to provide these days of instruction.

Start Times for School Day:

Due to the fact that we currently have 4 bus drivers to start the school year and the general safety of our students, we will have to do double runs for both the morning and afternoon routs. Therefore, we will have a new start and end time for the Jr./Sr. High School.

Elementary (DK-6th Grade): 7:50 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School: 9:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

If you or anybody you know are interested in driving bus for the district, please contact Mary Johnson at 810-638-5054.

Parent/Student Health Screener Link:

We will be providing the link through SchoolMessenger by the end of the week. The screener must be completed daily for each student for them to attend school.

2020-2021 School Calendar:

I will be meeting with Teacher Union Leadership this week to negotiate a tentative 2020-2021 school calendar, which will be on the Board of Education agenda for re-approval at our next regularly scheduled meeting, September 21, 2020.

Sincerely,

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