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ISD 518 Families,

The new school year is quickly approaching with the first planned day of school to be Monday, August 30 for the Middle School, High School and Learning Center and August 31st for Prairie Elementary. We are excited to have students and staff back in the building in a more normal format. District 518 will still have to abide by various requirements and precautions as required along with some additional pieces, but overall it will be a more normal model.

So, what will the expectations for the start of the school year be?

- All individuals that are riding a school bus/van must wear masks. This is a Federal mandate.
- All individuals may wear a mask during the school day and/or other times, but it is optional. Any individual not vaccinated is encouraged to wear a mask.
- School buildings will be encouraging social distancing, but will not require a specific distance (such as 3 feet) as previously utilized.
- Encouragement to wash hands regularly.
- Individuals that are sick are encouraged to stay home. Quarantining of individuals will be based on symptoms and close contacts of any identified cases of COVID-19. District 518 will continue to follow the MDH/CDC requirements for quarantine.
- Lunchrooms are planned to be traditionally operated.
- The district will continue additional cleaning as needed to ensure a safe learning environment.
- Visitations will be discouraged and ISD 518 may limit outside access to buildings to avoid exposures.
- The district has an online option for individuals who choose an alternative education format. The District's online opportunity is the current VIBE program.

Further guidance may require adjustments to these plans. As of today, we intend to operate at as close to a traditional educational model as possible while following what is currently required of the school district.

With less than a month until the first day of school, the district will continue to address any adjustments that may need to happen. We hope that you will have a wonderful time over the remaining summer and are able to enjoy the warm weather.

If you would have questions regarding the start of the school year, please feel free to contact your student's school so that we can all get off to a great start of a new year.

Respectfully,

John Landgaard, Superintendent

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