



Bloomfield-Mespo Local School District

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To: Families and Stakeholders of the Bloomfield-Mespo Local School District
From: John Sheets, Superintendent
Re: Tentative Return to School Plan
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support during the ongoing pandemic. Thank you to the families that returned surveys; I appreciate your response and input. The survey results will assist the district in educating our students during these challenging times.

For the start of school this year, the district tentatively plans to use a Blended Learning Format. Students will be divided into two groups. Group A will attend school on Monday and Thursday. Group B will attend school on Tuesday and Friday. On the days that a group is not physically in school, we will use a remote learning format. The district has purchased Chromebooks for all students in grades 1-12. Teachers will work with students remotely on Wednesday. Support staff will use Wednesday for additional cleaning, disinfecting and sanitation.

We will emphasize physical distancing, hygienic practices and health assessments when children are in a building. Parents should prepare children to wear a face covering on the bus and when physical distancing is not possible in the building.

If parents do not want their children physically in a school building, Bloomfield-Mespo Schools will provide remote learning that will enable the children to remain a Bloomfield-Mespo student. This will also allow the children to physically return to school when they are comfortable.

All of us have to continue to be adaptable in the process of educating our children. We all must be flexible and ready to change to a different format of schooling as we respond to the uncertainty of living with the virus. Ultimately, we all are striving to reach a goal of returning to a daily attendance format.

In conclusion, the district tentatively plans to offer two formats for the start of school in 2020:

- Remote/Virtual Format – Schooling done at home using virtual tools and/or learning packets.
- Blended Learning Format – Schooling done in buildings 2 days a week, other days schooling done at home virtually or using learning packets.

The first day of school for students is Thursday, August 27, 2020. The school calendar is available on the district website. The building offices will be open the first week of August. Specific questions about your children's return to school should be directed to the building principal. Please be assured that Bloomfield-Mespo Schools are doing the best we can to provide quality education in the safest environment possible during these challenging times.