



Decision for Minnesota schools expected Thursday, July 30

Spring Lake Park Schools Families:

The Minnesota Department of Education will announce guidelines for school this fall on Thursday, July 30. All of our planning this summer has been proactive in anticipation of this decision. Once announced, we will spend a few days assessing and updating our initial designs using the latest guidance. We expect to be able to share our plans later in the week of August 3.

Through a family questionnaire, we received preliminary information from the families of more than 3,000 students. Thank you to those who participated. It helps tremendously with our planning. If you didn't participate, don't worry. The information is for planning only. Depending on the scenario, we'll ask families for specific information and commitments in August.

Many families have indicated their desire for full-time extended flexible learning. We will offer extended flexible learning at all grade levels as an option this fall regardless of the state's direction. Given information shared in the questionnaire, the families of 25-35 percent of students anticipate choosing to resume school in an extended flexible learning model this fall.

We are all eager for clarity during an uncertain time. With the announcement this week, we will kick off several more weeks of detailed planning to ensure the learning, staffing, technology, space, transportation and health and safety topics we need to address are considered with intentionality. We also know you will need time to consider how school plans and approaches impact your family, home and work schedules.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we all continue to navigate this unusual time.

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