

August 4, 2020

Dear Webster Families,

Welcome to the 20-21 school year! We are excited to have you as part of our Webster family. This year, we are asking our families to work with us by being flexible and by offering grace. As we learned from the spring, things can change quickly. We have been working hard as a district and school to prepare ourselves to be effective in a blended learning environment including the possibility of remote learning. Please know we are preparing to meet the students' needs in whatever scenario may occur.

As we continue to plan building specific procedures to ensure the safety of students and staff, we wanted to inform you of our initial plans. Please note that plans are subject to change as we receive additional guidance from the Health Department and district administration.

As was communicated by the superintendent last week, all elementary schools will begin on August 24th with a staggered start. The schedule is as follows:

- August 24: 4th and 5th grade students **ONLY**
- August 25: 2nd and 3rd grade students **ONLY**
- August 26: Kindergarten and 1st grade students **ONLY**
- August 27-28: All students K-5 will attend together.

On the first day of school, we are asking that you and your child(ren) ensure social distancing from others. Please know that the classroom teachers will not be able to speak with you individually at that time with specific questions at the classroom door. When the doors open at 7:45, students will enter the classroom via their exterior doors without parent support. There is no morning recess. Students may bring their supplies with them the first day they attend per the staggered start schedule. Please be sure to check the updated supply lists that are posted on the school's website.

Our Open House event will occur virtually on August 14th. Each teacher will be sending separate information and a video to their class following a communication from the school to share information and welcome families back for the new year. Please note that at this time, class assignments are not finalized. You will get a communication through Remind from the classroom teacher the week of August 11 to notify you of your child's class assignment as we will not be posting class lists this year.

Attached you will also find an addendum to our parent handbook for the 20-21 school year. This outlines specific procedures that will be in place at Webster Elementary in order to maintain the safety of staff and students. As we plan, we will continue to share new information and details. In addition, our school's calendar of events and full handbook will be posted on our website rather than printed this year.

Despite the many challenges we may face this year, please know that our goal is to continue to create a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. We look forward to seeing all of the students soon. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bonds, Principal