



Community Schools

Dear Gull Lake School Community,

We are grateful to be part of such a supportive school community, one that works together at all levels and finds strength in each other's ideas. Our district has a long tradition of pride and excellence in our collaboration. In a time of unprecedented change, we as a district have listened, and will continue to discuss and process through all the various levels of guidance and input from stakeholders in our community. It is through this process that we found our way together as a district, encompassing our families, board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, transportation department, medical personnel, food service, and allied service organizations. As a result, our ideas have accumulated into a comprehensive Return to Learn plan that is safe and sustainable for the foreseeable future.

The strengths of our current plan include the following:

- The staff's ability to focus on best practice online instruction techniques that can be applied in both the at-home and in-person learning environments.
- In the face of possible quarantines or additional executive orders, our plan provides a solidified foundation that allows for consistency and seamless transition between in-person and at-home instruction.
- Our established learning platform provides students and families a familiar landing spot should conditions warrant a change.
- Layered safety protocols that will be taught to students prior to entering the classroom, favoring a safe and sustainable return to in-person learning.

Moving forward, it is the goal of our District to use the empirical data at hand to determine our next steps. We are in a position to observe other area districts and their statistics to make the best-informed decision for the health, safety, and well-being of our kids, community, and staff. As we continue to follow the process of informed collaborative decision making, we greatly anticipate building on our positive connections with all partnered stakeholders. It is in our collective hearts to serve our kids and community, encouraging growth, teaching resilience, and nurturing relationships.

With a focus on that which unites us all,

Gull Lake Administration and Gull Lake Education Association