

Superintendent Updates

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Dear Gull Lake Families,

As we move toward our year end events in May and June, we are also mapping what our school year will look like for the Fall. We will be coming back to new and enhanced school buildings that feature upgraded safety, security, traffic flow and air regulation to meet recommended metrics.

We are also moving back to the majority of our instruction taking place in person at these new facilities and will be preserving best practice takeaways from over a year of Pandemic Learning. Many technology applications and organizational tools work in the physical classroom and help teachers spend more time growing your learner's essential literacy skills.

We have designed a comprehensive and engaging summer school program that will be delivered over an 8-week period in June and August. This program is one of several ways that our staff will be filling in the learning gaps that emerged over the past 13 months. Our team is also working on ways to provide additional Out of School Time(OST) learning experiences that will continue the supports into the next school year.

The learning options in store for Y5 – 12th grade this Fall include:

- In person learning 5 days per week at all buildings and levels.
- Gull Lake Virtual Partnership remote asynchronous self-paced learning.

Over 70% of our current remote synchronous learners Y5-5th Grade have indicated they are ready to return to the physical classroom next Fall. This is a strong indicator that we will need to staff our new elementary classrooms with in-person instruction in order to meet the needs of our students and families.

We look forward to serving your family in the days ahead and mapping out an engaging and inspiring learning experience for next Fall!

District Highlight: Congratulations to Thomas M. Ryan Intermediate Social Worker, Chauntelle Boot on being chosen by MASSW Region B as its 2021 Regional School Social Worker of the Year.

Have a great weekend and GO GULL LAKE!

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