



*Great Falls Public Schools*  
**Ten “MOORE” things you need to know ....**  
August 26, 2020

Dear Community Member:

Wow, it is so good to announce that school is finally beginning today for our students and teachers! I would like to thank the community for your support as we have dealt with the complexities of school closure and the uncertainty that the COVID-19 Pandemic has presented to all of us. From feeding hungry students and families, donating school supplies, volunteering to make masks, advising our staff and administration on health matters, to praying for our schools, teachers and children, THANK YOU!

1. **1<sup>st</sup> Day of School in GFPS since March 12, 2020!** Due to COVID-19 students and teachers have not been able to meet face-to-face since early last spring. Schools in Great Falls reopen today with a new twist. Parents and students can choose face-to-face learning in schools or remote learning through our GFPS online school. For more info; <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Revised-GFPS-Reopening-Plan-August-21-2020.pdf>
2. **Longfellow Elementary School Reopens!** Since the winter of 2019, students from Longfellow Elementary have attended Roosevelt School. Today, students and staff will enjoy a beautiful new facility at the new Longfellow Elementary School. For more info and a virtual tour; [https://www.dropbox.com/s/mojevk0j216uivu/Longfellow%20video%20tour\\_1.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/mojevk0j216uivu/Longfellow%20video%20tour_1.mp4?dl=0)
3. **Fall Sports begin in Great Falls- Soccer, Golf, Volleyball & Football;** <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/sports-schedules/>. <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/GFPS-Athletic-Facility-management-plan-003.pdf>
4. **The 2020 GFPS Budgets have been adopted.** The Board of Trustees adopted the 2020/2021 Budget at the Board Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020. The *District Budget Book* has a plethora of information. Thank you to Brian Patrick and his team in the GFPS Business Office! An electronic copy of the GFPS annual budget, along with other budget related items can be found here: <https://gfps.k12.mt.us/budget/>
5. **Truck Raffle.** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle is in full swing. Thanks to City Motors, a Toyota Pickup truck was donated again this year! All proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. For more information, call 268-7401. Buy more tickets please!!!
6. **Help Wanted.** Pass it on...GFPS is looking to hire teacher aides, food service workers, Para educators, substitutes and more. Current openings are always found here: [www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/employment). Big Sky Bus Lines is in need of bus drivers as well. You can contact them at 454-1283 for more information.
7. **Food Service hits another Milestone!** Between June 9 and August 12, 2020 the GFPS Food Service Team provided over **55,000 meals** to students in Great Falls! Thank you to our awesome employees and

volunteers who helped this summer... for more information; [https://www.montanarightnow.com/great-falls/55-000-meals-served-to-kids-in-need/article\\_b3392ba0-db07-11ea-9935-1b2c2af44b2e.html](https://www.montanarightnow.com/great-falls/55-000-meals-served-to-kids-in-need/article_b3392ba0-db07-11ea-9935-1b2c2af44b2e.html)

8. **School Nurses Are Awesome!** - During this period of concern for the health and welfare of students, staff and community as a result of COVID-19, our 21 school nurses in Great Falls Public Schools have played a huge role preparing our schools for reopening. Lead School Nurse, Erica Harp was recently interviewed about this work, **For more information;** [https://www.montanarightnow.com/school-nurses/video\\_b1612552-e00d-11ea-9d69-77ea586359c4.html](https://www.montanarightnow.com/school-nurses/video_b1612552-e00d-11ea-9d69-77ea586359c4.html)
9. **Alluvion Health School-Based Health Clinics** - Alluvion Health is partnering with the school district to provide student behavior health counseling and support. In addition, Alluvion will be providing school-based access to health care for our students, their families and staff under the District Health Insurance at Longfellow Elementary and Paris Gibson Education Center this year. For more information: <https://www.krtv.com/news/great-falls-news/2019/05/09/alluvion-health-expanding-school-based-health-clinics/>
10. **Board Meetings** - The GFPS Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of most months. These are public meetings. Agendas and supporting information are always posted the Thursday afternoon prior to the Board meetings. The next Board meeting is on September 14 with the agenda posted on September 10. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board.>

Reminder: **Monday, September 7, 2020** is Labor Day and all GFPS schools and offices will be closed that day!

I hope “Moore” information was helpful to you! The next release is scheduled for September 9, 2020. You are receiving this email as part of the District’s ongoing community communication efforts. If you do not wish to receive these emails, there is a place to unsubscribe at the very bottom.

Thanks for reading! Thanks for supporting our staff and students!  
Tom Moore  
Superintendent

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We post a lot of GFPS news on the district’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GreatFallsPublicSchools>), and on our webpage ([www.gfps.k12.mt.us](http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us)). Please check-in often.

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