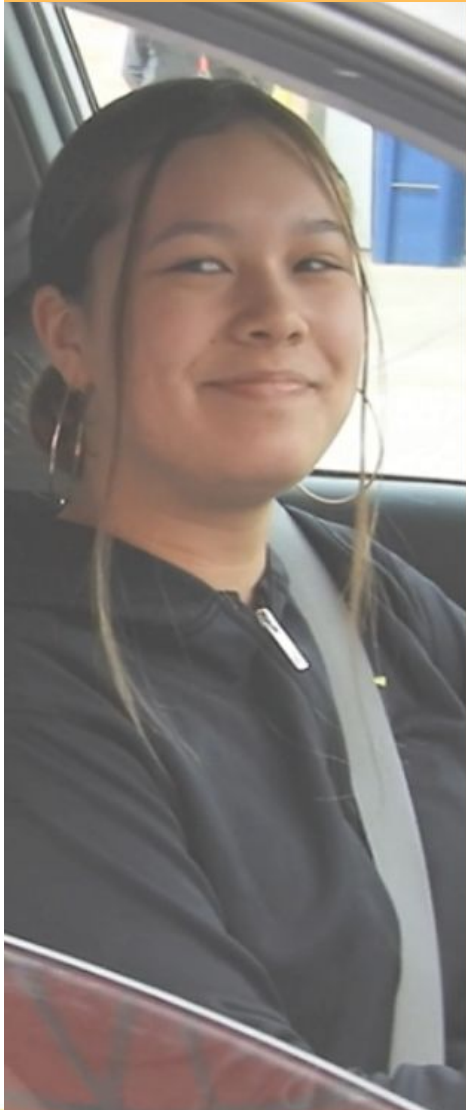


Superintendent Update

May 18, 2021

Update Topics

- Learning Model Updates
- Operational Planning Next Steps
- Survey Update



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Guiding Principles

FOR RE-OPENING SCHOOLS

- 1 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
- 2 Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model
- 3 Equity: Ensuring all means all
- 4 Optimize use of resources (space & materials)
- 5 Community and stakeholder engagement in plan development

Equity Criteria:

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

[ISD709.org/Equity](https://isd709.org/Equity)

2020-21 Return to Learn

Current Local COVID-19 Numbers

Duluth Area Bi-Weekly Case Rate for Schools

- 01/02 - 58.75
- 01/09 - 56.90
- 01/16 - 43.4
- 01/23 - 38.0
- 01/30 - 29.04
- 02/06 - 16.5
- 02/13 - 13.23
- 02/20 - 10.82
- 02/27 - 11.7
- 03/06 - 12.9
- 03/13 - 12.57
- 03/20 - 15.1
- 03/27 - 27.88
- 04/03 - 39.86
- 04/10 - 44.52
- 04/17 - 39.13
- 04/24 - 28.38
- 05/01 - 23.97

New Guidance

- We need to continue following the Safe Learning Plan until the last teacher contact day of our schools.
- Additional health and safety recommendations for summer programming will be provided by MDH to schools in the coming weeks. Middle and high schools will continue to be able to offer COVID-19 testing for students through the state program throughout the summer.
- We need to continue to follow the Stay Safe – Entertainment Venue Guidance for celebrations for graduation and other such events.
- Masks will no longer be required outdoors, but face coverings will continue to be required indoors until the end of the last contact day.
- MDE is continuing to partner with MDH to plan for next fall. They remain very hopeful that we won't need to have a Safe Learning Plan for the 2021-22 school year. MDE and MDH will continue to provide guidance and recommendations in the coming weeks.

Operational Planning Overview:

- The 2021/22 Operational Plan is intended to provide a unified and focused approach to the return to school from the distance-based learning during the Covid 19 pandemic.
- The Operational Plan is intended to inform and lead into a longer range and continuous District Strategic Plan as has been prioritized by district stakeholders, including the School Board and the Superintendent.

What are our focus areas?

The return to in-person learning will require district-wide focus in all schools on:

- a. Addressing student learning needs through our multi-tiered systems and supports
- b. Addressing student social emotional learning and mental health needs through our multi-tiered systems and supports
- c. Equity Framework knowledge and application
- d. Blended Learning Initiative implementation

Next Steps:

- Met today with district leadership and principal representatives to focus on development of district level leadership teams to support schools. This will continue in the coming weeks.
- Continuing work on Operational Plan strategies to address our focus areas, as well as to obtain feedback on ESSER resource dedication aligned to this work
- Finalizing staff and family input processes
 - Staff and family surveys
 - Staff and family focus groups
 - Re-engaging in labor management processes