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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Return to School
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Presenter(s): Karsten Anderson, Superintendent
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Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action ☒
Board information or scheduled report ☐

Background Information

COVID Data

The posted COVID Data Sheet shows data as of March 29th. This sheet will be updated on April 5th after the weekly meeting with county officials. As of March 29th, there is a growing number of students and staff members with COVID and a growing number of students and staff who are quarantined or isolated.

5th and 6th Grade Class Sizes and Online-Only Teachers

The district hired an online-only teacher for 5th grade and internally reassigned teachers to allow for an online-only 6th grade teacher. As a result, 5th and 6th grade students will have 5 days/week of in-person learning, and 5th and 6th grade teachers will have one mode of learning to implement at any given time.

Shortened Quarantine

At the regular meeting in March, there was discussion about the possibility of enacting shortened quarantines for students. The COVID Response Team recommends staying with the current 14-day quarantine standard. Additional information is included as an attachment.

Threshold for Moving to Distance Learning

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends reviewing learning models if 5% of a school's population is positive or showing symptoms of COVID. Currently, there are about 500 students learning in-person or hybrid, so the threshold would be 25. Our COVID count is less than the threshold. The COVID Response Team and Superintendent review rates on at least a weekly basis.

Recommendation

There are no recommended changes to current procedures or learning models at this time.