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Hello, Niagara Badger Families

There was a "Return to School" meeting held on Monday, July 13, that was attended by administration, board members, health professionals, parents, and a teacher representative from each level. There was a lot that was discussed at the meeting, and there are still many things up in the air that will be discussed in the coming weeks, but we wanted to send out an update on some of the things that were discussed in terms of school this fall. Please understand that anything can change at any time according to new government mandates and that we are still discussing what is best for our school and community at this time.

As of now, we are attempting to implement a traditional start (according to the current 2020-2021 school calendar) with some necessary modifications.

-For health and safety, we are implementing a mask recommendation, disinfecting desks between student use, hand sanitizing stations in even more locations around the school, and other general hygienic enhancements according to CDC, State of Wisconsin Department of Health, and WASN & CESA 8 Guidelines.

- For social distancing, we are looking into sectioning off students by grade in different parts of the school in the mornings, modifying lunchroom seating and dismissals, alternating dismissal bells for Middle School and High School, and working with seating within classrooms to adhere to recommended guidelines.

-For classroom instruction preparation, we are hoping for a smooth transition into a "normal" school year. However, part of our planning is to be prepared for online/virtual instruction for a seamless transition in case a building shutdown is necessary for whatever reason and whatever length of time.

There are things beyond this list that we are working on, but we were hoping to keep everyone informed in terms of the general direction we see the district heading in just a few short weeks. Again, please understand that nothing is set in stone, and we will do our best to keep everyone updated as our discussions reach finalization.

Sincerely,

Return to School Committee

"Preparing and Educating Children for Lifelong Success"

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