



Savage Public School

Elementary District No. 7 & HS District No. 2

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Dear Families and Community Members,

We are so-o-o ready for our students to be back with us at school for the 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

Yes, there are tons of questions, concerns, what if's, etc. However, please remember our entire nation and global society are all "FIRSTS" at working through these unprecedented issues! The great news is that on July 20th and 21st, 2020 our team worked on a Reopening Plan. The other fantastic news was that the Montana School Board's Association, Governor Bullock, the Office of Public Instruction, CDC, and the Richland County Health Department have provided guidance to all schools to assure we are meeting the health needs of our students.

Note: The Final Plan of Reopening will be approved by our Board of Trustees at a special board meeting the first week of August. Watch for the notice! The plan will then be posted on our website.

Topics and Strategies Addressed in our Phase II Plan

Academics:

- **Students and staff have the option to wear masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE), unless masks become governmentally mandated. At that time students and staff will be provided a washable mask, which is the responsibility of the user.**
- **In the event of a positive COVID-19 test of a student or staff member we will work with the Richland County Health Department to determine the course of action. An automated phone call will go out to all school families stating necessary action. All cases are confidential.**
- **Students who opt out of in person instruction will be provided remote learning instruction as follows:**
 - **If a family chooses to "opt out" of onsite instruction there are still local and state requirements that must be met.**
 - **Our "Opting Out" option consists of assuring students meet the aggregate hours of instruction and proficiency-based education requirements.**
 - **The parent and guardian will be responsible for picking up daily assignments from the office each day and returning the work the next day.**
 - **Teachers will communicate with parents about student's work through email, phone, or scheduled meetings to assist.**
 - **A hybrid model of online instruction will be used should we have to close because of health regulations, a Governor's directive, or a School Board mandate.**
- **High school registration will be held on August 3rd and 4th, 2020.**
 - **We are working on a schedule, so please watch for times on our website.**

Shawn Conradsen, Chair
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- Grades PreK through Eighth will have a phone registration August 5th and 6th, 2020.
 - Our Administrative Assistant will call each family to ask and answer questions and concerns that you may have and assist in registration concerns.

Physical Spaces, Social Distancing, and Structure of Monitoring a Healthy Environment

- Students will be using desks at this time for social distancing.
- Schedules of arrival, dismissal, recesses, bathroom use, and lunch will be staggered so social distancing and cleaning may take place.
- Students must leave their book bags in their lockers for health reasons.
- Lockers will be cleaned weekly by students for health reasons.
- Mist sprayers and UVC lighting will be used at appropriate times to disinfect classrooms, bathrooms, playground equipment, lockers, gym, commons, shop, etc.
- Thermometers will be provided to all teachers, aides, and office staff for screening students as necessary.
 - Each day during the first two weeks of school, staff will be asked to establish baseline temperatures of each student.
 - This information is confidential.
 - The baseline information will be used when a student presents feeling sick.
 - Parents will be called to pick up students that have fevers that differ from the baseline data.
 - Parents are responsible for contacting their primary care provider for next steps.

Social, Emotional, Behavioral:

- Resources will be provided to staff, parents, and students to help in coping with trauma associated to COVID-19 events.
- Staff will report to administration students who may be experiencing trauma due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic so proper resources can be provided to the teacher and/or parent.

Business:

- The school will follow governmental mandates with the guidance of the Richland County Health Department, CDC, and school policy.

Transportation:

- Buses drivers will clean buses and disinfect between each route.
- Students will be assigned seating in family pods with one seat between families.

Extracurricular, Activities, Athletics

- MHSAs will govern 9-12 seasons and mandates.
- Concessions serving area will have plexiglass barrier for serving if required.

- Students who opt out of on-site instruction will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities or travel with school groups.
- Proper distancing as practical will be applied on all bus activity for extracurricular activities.
- Attendees to athletic events will be encouraged to practice proper social distancing, wear a mask, or watch events via the school streaming network as all home events will be broadcast.

For further information about school reopening:
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Sincerely,

Martha R. Potter, Superintendent