



## BIGFORK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 38

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Dear Bigfork Parents and Staff:

As summer is wrapping up and we prepare for the 21/22 school year, I am excited for staff and students to return to school and look forward to getting to meet all of you. I want to welcome you back and hope that over your summer you found some time to decompress from the 20/21 school year. I am honored to be your new Superintendent and I'll do all that I can do to make this a great school year for all.

I believe that our number one goal is to keep our schools open and maintain onsite instruction; this is what is best for our students. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 cases in our county and schools will open this school year how we ended last year. This is as close to "back to normal" as we can get, with a few additional precautions in place. Masking will be left up to the parents, staff, and students in the buildings. However, because of the CDC's requirements, masking on busses is mandatory. This will be monitored and reviewed by the school board and administration as we navigate the school year. At this time, we will only offer remote learning for special medical circumstances. Please contact your building principal or me if you have questions regarding this.

Keeping our students and staff safe is our number one priority. We will continue to encourage staff and students to stay home if they are not feeling well or have symptoms. The following safety protocols will stay in place: sanitization of all classrooms, frequent hand washing, social distancing as much as possible, such as keeping students in cohorts at the elementary and middle school when possible. New air filters will be installed before the first day of school in all buildings. The Flathead County Health Department will continue to monitor positive tests and quarantining.

The teachers will be back in the building for training and preparing their rooms August 31<sup>st</sup> -September 2<sup>nd</sup> and we will be welcoming the students back on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your time and I hope this letter helps alleviate any concerns you may have. Once again, I look forward to a great school year and if you have any questions or concerns, please call, email, or stop by and see me.

Sincerely,

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