

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127

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Dear Worth 127 Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer break. As you most likely know, the State Board of Education recently released new guidance and direction for local school districts to return to school this fall. As you might expect, this guidance is very complex and will take some time to sort out fully.

However, it essentially boils down to three key points:

1. In-person learning (that is, going "back to school") is the priority
2. Safety measures must be followed, including wearing masks, washing hands, etc.
3. Plans must anticipate the possibility of more remote learning if/as needed

I know that many families and staff have valid concerns about coming back to school full-time because of safety concerns, the notion of requiring students to wear masks, and other valid points involved in restarting school. Likewise, other families and staff are equally opposed to the idea of returning to remote learning on a long-term basis.

I very much want our students and staff back in school where all of us know the best teaching and learning will occur, but I also understand the variety of concerns. I assure you that the administrative team is working diligently to bring our students and staff back this fall safely and efficiently, in line with state guidelines. I will share plans on how school will open as soon as possible to give everyone ample time to prepare and be ready for school to resume on August 26, tentatively.

May you, your family, friends, and loved ones have a safe and happy Independence Day! Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark T. Fleming
Superintendent