

July 29, 2020

Lander Community,

I wanted to send out a quick message with answers to a few questions that we have received either during meetings or through conversations. We will have more information Friday, July 31, including the district virtual learning plan.

1. Are there metrics you will use to move between Tiers in the district Smart Start plan?
  - a. According to Dr. Harrist, the state health officer, this will be determined based on the unique circumstances in each school and district. Everything needs to be interpreted in the larger context; considering evidence of transmission within a school, the community and the number of cases within both. We will communicate with our health officials to make determinations on changes that may need to be made.
2. Will the district offer virtual learning opportunities and what will that look like?
  - a. Yes, the district is in the final stages of developing a virtual learning plan that details what the virtual learning process and expectations will look like. This is going out to teaching staff this week for feedback and will be available for parents to see by Friday, July 31.
3. What about specific building processes?
  - a. Each building is creating plans that detail what components of the district plan look like in action. These will be available during the week of August 3.
4. Additional information
  - a. The district is ordering 2000 plexiglass shields for desks that are scheduled to arrive at or near the beginning of school. These can be used on desks and tables to help physically separate students and teachers. In addition, The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS), the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), and the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) have announced a joint effort to deliver 500,000 face coverings to school districts around the state. As the district plan states and WDE guidelines support, if physical distancing cannot be maintained, face coverings will be used to the greatest extent possible.

Please let me know of questions and concerns that we can address.

Dave Barker  
Superintendent