

Independent School District 507 Special
School Board Meeting
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Agenda

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. DESIGNATE LEARNING MODEL TO BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR

The Minnesota Safe Learning plan was announced by Governor Walz last Thursday. The plan requires school districts to establish a Safe Learning Advisory Council to determine a safe learning model to begin the upcoming school year. Membership must consist of school board members, bargaining units, staff, students and families. The NPS committee is: Dr. Malone, Todd Toulouse (admin/parent), Scot Osborne and Adam Erickson (board members/parents) Lisa Fischer (NEA rep), Isabella Havemeier (student). The committee met August 4th.

The "Safe Learning Advisory Council" used the MDH Data For K-12 Schools (attached) to:

- a. Examine the MDH data and determine the number of cases per 10,000 in Nicollet County for each of the last two weeks (18 and 20.)
- E. Compared the Nicollet County case rate to the recommended MDH policy option. (Elementary- In-person, Middle/High School-Hybrid)The committee is recommending the *Hybrid Learning For All Students* option to begin the school year. The intent is to implement *In Person Learning* for grades K-6 in early

October. Beginning the year with *Hybrid Learning* for grades K-6 will give students and staff a few weeks to practice new protocols such as social distancing, wearing masks, arrival procedures including temperature screening, lunch procedures, hand washing and sanitizing, dismissal, etc. before fully transitioning to *In Person Learning*.

The Superintendent recommends that the school board adopt the *Hybrid Learning For All Students* option to begin the school year, as recommended by the Safe Learning Advisory Council.

F. PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks will be needed for every student if we implement the hybrid learning model at any time during the school year. Our language arts curriculum (Wonders) is web-based only. The curriculum includes reading, phonics, handwriting, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar. The K-2 teachers were surveyed and unanimously agreed that it would not be possible to deliver the language arts curriculum without students having access to the web-based Wonders curriculum. The teachers recommended that each student have a Chromebook.

When we conducted distance learning last spring, all students were at home. Chromebooks were allocated per family, so students within the same household could share the same device. As a result, fewer Chromebooks were needed and every student had access to a device.

Under the hybrid learning scenario, students are divided into two groups (A & B). The two groups of students attend school on different days. All students within a household will be assigned to the same group. However, when the students from a given household are in school, they will each need their own device.

The Chromebooks can be purchased by reallocating existing budgets and utilizing available grants. The expenditure will not decrease our general fund balance.

G. Chromebooks	H. Total Cost
I. 140 x \$277 each	J. \$38,764
K. includes a 11.6" Chromebook, case, and license	L.
M.	N.

O. Technology Budget	P. \$10,000
Q. CARES	R. \$3,000
S. Title IV	T. \$3,000
U. SPED Fed Flow Through	V. \$18,000
W. Operating Capital	X. \$5,000
Y.	Z. \$39,000

AA.

The Superintendent recommends approving the purchase of 140 Chromebooks in the amount of approximately \$38,764.

BB. ADJOURNMENT

Adoption of Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.09 vests the care, management, and control of independent districts in the school board; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Independent School District 507 [hereinafter the “Superintendent”] is responsible for the management of the schools, the administration of all School District policies, and is directly accountable to the School Board; and

WHEREAS, when responsibilities are not specifically prescribed nor School District policy applicable, the Superintendent shall use personal and professional judgment, subject to review by the School Board, pursuant to School District Policy 302, *Superintendent*;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-82 and the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021 (the “Safe Learning Plan”), which set forth five Learning Models (in-person learning for all, in-person learning for elementary students and hybrid learning for secondary students, hybrid learning for all students, hybrid learning for elementary students and distance learning for secondary students, and distance learning) and authorized all school districts in the State of Minnesota to select and implement an appropriate base Learning Model in accordance with, and subject to, the Safe Learning Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Education (“MDE”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on educational issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) has issued and may continue to issue written guidance for Minnesota schools on public health issues related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and the administration of the School District have conferred with the School Board regarding the available Learning Models, the current MDE and MDH requirements for each, and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, based upon the collective consideration of these factors, the Superintendent has recommended to the School Board that Hybrid Learning For All Students will be the base Learning Model to be implemented at the commencement of the 2020-2021 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 507 as follows:

Section 1: The Superintendent is hereby directed to implement the following base Learning Model to open the 2020-2021 school year: Hybrid Learning For All Students

Section 2: The Superintendent is hereby authorized, after consultation with the safe learning advisory council and notification to the School Board, to select and implement a different Learning Model for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Superintendent reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Learning Model selected and implemented by the Superintendent shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement a different Learning Model.

Section 3: The Superintendent will provide regular updates to the School Board regarding the School District's efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the MDE and the MDH, respectively.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Roll Call Vote

School Board Chair

School Board Clerk

Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County

Updated 7/30/2020

This document includes data that can be used by schools in making decisions about their safe learning model. It shows the number of cases by county of residence in Minnesota over 14 days, per 10,000 people by the date of specimen collection (when a person was tested). Any increase in case incidence can represent a greater risk, but schools may consider a 14-day case rate of 10 or more cases per 10,000 to be an elevated risk of disease transmission within the local community, especially when the level of cases per week is sustained or increasing over time.

Recommended policy options based on 14-day case rate range

Policy Option	Range (14-day case rate per 10,000 people)
In-person learning for all students	0 to less than 10
Elementary in-person, Middle/high school hybrid	10 to less than 20
Both hybrid	20 to less than 30
Elementary hybrid, Middle/high school distance	30 to less than 50
Both distance	50 or more

14-day case rate per 10,000 people by date of specimen collection

County Name	5/31 - 6/13	6/7 - 6/20	6/14 - 6/27	6/21 - 7/4	6/28 - 7/11	7/5 - 7/18
Aitkin	1.26	0.63	0.63	1.26	3.16	5.05
Anoka	8.35	7.22	9.50	11.11	12.38	15.54
Becker	2.37	2.37	2.07	1.18	8.29	13.03
Beltrami	1.52	0.87	0.65	3.47	14.31	20.60
Benton	3.02	3.52	4.02	4.53	9.05	13.58
Big Stone	11.96	3.99	0.00	5.98	7.97	5.98
Blue Earth	3.47	15.38	36.64	37.24	30.91	31.66
Brown	0.79	2.38	4.36	5.16	9.52	10.71
Carlton	1.69	0.84	0.56	3.10	4.78	5.06
Carver	3.98	4.58	7.37	12.55	19.32	20.42
Cass	0.00	0.00	0.69	2.76	4.48	5.86
Chippewa	5.83	13.32	14.99	8.33	6.66	6.66
Chisago	3.29	3.11	2.56	2.92	3.47	5.85

County Name	5/31 - 6/13	6/7 - 6/20	6/14 - 6/27	6/21 - 7/4	6/28 - 7/11	7/5 - 7/18
Clay	7.32	6.05	10.03	10.19	10.99	14.97
Clearwater	3.40	3.40	1.13	3.40	7.94	5.67
Cook	1.88	1.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.88
Cottonwood	32.54	27.26	16.71	8.79	9.67	14.95
Crow Wing	2.19	1.72	1.72	1.88	3.60	6.11
Dakota	8.32	8.11	10.55	13.13	14.99	16.79
Dodge	2.43	5.83	9.72	9.72	10.20	12.63
Douglas	1.34	1.61	2.69	3.49	8.06	11.29
Faribault	6.48	7.20	17.99	19.43	6.48	8.64
Fillmore	0.00	1.91	3.35	3.35	5.27	9.10
Freeborn	31.45	22.60	15.72	11.14	11.14	11.47
Goodhue	5.41	4.76	4.11	5.19	4.98	4.54
Grant	3.37	0.00	5.05	18.52	40.42	32.00
Hennepin	12.55	10.64	12.11	14.97	17.69	20.93
Houston	1.61	5.36	10.18	6.97	4.29	2.68
Hubbard	0.96	0.00	0.00	1.44	2.88	3.36
Isanti	3.59	3.08	4.11	5.13	5.39	5.13
Itasca	0.88	0.22	1.11	1.11	2.88	9.29
Jackson	7.96	9.95	6.97	1.99	4.98	6.97
Kanabec	0.62	0.62	0.62	0.62	2.50	5.00
Kandiyohi	10.78	7.50	3.28	4.45	9.85	11.72
Kittson	0.00	0.00	2.31	2.31	0.00	2.31
Koochiching	0.00	0.00	3.16	6.33	13.45	25.31
Lac qui Parle	0.00	1.48	1.48	0.00	1.48	2.95
Lake	2.84	3.78	1.89	0.95	4.73	6.62
Lake of the Woods	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Le Sueur	2.50	4.65	10.72	15.37	20.37	22.87
Lincoln	0.00	1.75	7.01	7.01	35.04	70.09
Lyon	62.31	46.44	28.64	17.80	23.61	25.54
McLeod	4.19	6.70	7.54	6.42	6.42	6.14
Mahnomen	0.00	0.00	1.82	9.08	12.71	16.35
Marshall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.52	11.71
Martin	7.51	4.01	4.51	11.52	10.52	9.02
Meeker	2.17	4.33	3.90	2.17	3.90	6.07
Mille Lacs	2.33	1.55	1.17	1.55	3.11	5.05
Morrison	1.82	1.21	0.91	1.52	3.95	3.95
Mower	91.16	76.01	52.52	33.84	17.68	14.65
Murray	4.79	7.18	9.58	21.55	46.69	53.87
Nicollet	1.18	2.66	12.73	19.54	20.42	18.06
Nobles	28.85	14.65	14.65	18.32	19.69	20.15
Norman	4.57	1.52	3.05	3.05	3.05	9.15
Olmsted	9.87	12.02	15.81	14.76	17.77	18.95
Otter Tail	2.07	1.21	1.55	2.59	6.38	7.93
Pennington	16.92	1.41	0.00	1.41	4.94	6.35
Pine	1.03	0.69	2.06	4.81	3.78	2.75
Pipestone	2.18	1.09	11.98	48.99	76.21	70.77
Polk	1.90	2.85	4.75	3.48	3.80	6.01
Pope	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.82	10.93	16.39

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Ramsey	14.31	12.78	12.24	11.65	13.63	16.51
Red Lake	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.50	4.99	7.49
Redwood	3.91	2.61	2.61	5.22	5.87	4.57
Renville	4.08	6.79	8.83	12.91	8.15	4.76
Rice	31.63	25.09	17.64	14.45	13.23	10.19
Rock	2.12	4.25	4.25	3.19	8.50	18.06
Roseau	1.94	0.65	1.94	8.41	13.58	12.93
St Louis	0.45	1.30	1.95	2.80	4.85	5.50
Scott	5.93	5.93	8.65	13.18	19.39	20.99
Sherburne	2.90	1.93	2.79	5.90	9.76	15.23
Sibley	6.04	5.36	16.09	16.09	10.06	11.40
Stearns	4.72	4.08	11.22	19.58	17.92	13.97
Steele	3.00	7.63	10.63	9.54	11.45	14.45
Stevens	0.00	2.04	3.07	3.07	9.20	8.18
Swift	1.06	1.06	0.00	3.19	23.38	26.56
Todd	18.41	13.09	8.18	2.86	2.05	2.05
Traverse	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	11.99	11.99
Wabasha	2.33	3.26	3.72	1.86	6.05	12.09
Wadena	0.00	2.93	3.66	0.73	2.20	4.40
Waseca	4.25	5.85	12.23	13.29	12.23	15.95
Washington	5.37	6.32	8.92	10.74	12.71	14.84
Watsonwan	27.34	71.99	88.40	54.68	51.95	41.01
Wilkin	4.73	12.61	7.88	3.15	4.73	1.58
Winona	1.57	3.34	6.49	6.29	9.24	14.16
Wright	3.77	3.09	4.44	6.86	10.25	12.88
Yellow Medicine	4.05	16.21	19.25	7.09	5.07	11.15

Number of counties in each range

Date	0 to less than 10	10 to less than 20	20 to less than 30	30 to less than 50	50 or more
6/1 to 6/13	74	6	2	3	2
6/7 to 6/20	72	9	3	1	2
6/14 to 6/27	63	20	1	1	2
6/21 to 7/4	60	22	1	3	1
6/28 to 7/11	51	26	4	4	2
7/5 to 7/18	40	32	9	3	3