## KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA STATEMENT

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<b>MEETING OF</b>	August 12, 2020	Reviewed By
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Item Title

NEW BUSINESS [X] Superintendent

Motion to approve Conditions of Learning recommendations for the Smart Start Plan

SUBMITTED BY Beth Lougee, Superintendent

Contact Person/Telephone		APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL
Name	Phone	

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Alaska's 'Smart Start 2020' framework provides considerations, recommendations, and best practices to ensure a safe and successful 2020-2021 school year. This guidance is not mandated, or state required. Local school districts have the authority, responsibility, and flexibility to make decisions to be responsive to their communities. The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) is requesting each district use this framework to build a comprehensive plan for teaching and learning in the upcoming school year and submit the plan to the department. DEED will post district plans online for the public to view. DEED, in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), has developed a framework for Alaska's K-12 districts to plan for the restart of the 2020-2021 school year. Using this framework, DHSS established health parameters for how schools can safely operate in a low, medium, and high risk environment. With the support of DEED, districts will then build modular plans for how they will deliver education under each of these environments focusing on three primary areas: Conditions of Learning, Continuity of Learning and Capacities' of Learning.

ISSUE: The Department of Education and Early Development has set forth guidelines in the areas of Conditions of Learning, Continuity of Learning and Capacity of Learning. Each primary area (Conditions of Learning, Continuity of Learning and Capacity for Learning) has common elements determined by education stakeholders, that districts will need to address in their plans they submit to DEED. DEED will publish district plans online for the public to view. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board voted to hold school 5 days per week with all students to be able to attend school onsite. Due to safety and education measures that needed to be updated and adjusted to meet this criterion, the administration made adjustments and updates that are being brought forth for approval.

BACKGROUND: Due to COVID 19, in May 2020, the District started working on the KGBSD Smart Start 2020Plan to reopen/restart schools. Updates and adjustments have been made to provide safety and learning for students and staff based on each risk level of low (minimal), medium and high.

RECOMMENDATION Approve the Conditions for Learning Plan with the understanding that it is an ongoing process of updates based on DEED (Department of Education and Early Development), DHSS (Department of Health and Social Services) and CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) recommendations.

FISCAL NOTE:

[X] N/A EXPENDITURE AMOUNT REQUIRED AVAILABLE

ATTACHMENTS: Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District: Conditions for Learning Plan

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the Conditions of Learning recommendations for the Smart Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Smart Start 2020 Plan."

## Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District: CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING

Describe how the district will ensure the following conditions for learning will be addressed in a low, medium, and high risk environment for all students. To view the definition and parameters for each risk environment, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/akss-guidance">https://bit.ly/akss-guidance</a>.

	Low Risk		Medium Risk		High Risk	Notes	
		Disease Prevention and Education		Disease Prevention and Education	Disease Prevention and Education	Smart Start Master Plan (Continued Updates throughout the school year)	
		Health Protocol		Health Protocol	Health Protocol	At all Levels:	
		Guidance if Exposed		Guidance if Exposed	Guidance if Exposed	Parents will be asked to conduct health checks on students prior to sending to school, if a child has symptoms the parent will keep home and monitor for 24 hours. Staff will be asked to conduct health checks prior to arriving to school and asked to stay home and monitor symptoms for 24 hours.	
		COVID 19 Case Form		COVID 19 Case Form	COVID 19 Case Form	Health Screenings including temperature checks REQUIRED for all staff and students	
Health and Safety Protocols		Monitoring and tracking of student and staff health and travel		Monitoring and tracking of student and staff health and travel	Monitoring and tracking of student and staff health and travel	Ketchikan Travel Mandates followed for out of state travel and intra-state travel should mandates change in 2020-2021	
		Masking criteria for students and staff- REQUIRE MASKS		Masking criteria for students and staff- REQUIRE MASKS	Masking criteria for students and staff- REQUIRE MASKS	Face masks/coverings REQUIRED for all students and staff at Low (minimal), medium and high risk levels.	
		Signage regarding spacing and movement through common areas		Signage regarding spacing and movement through common areas	Signage regarding building access		
		Handwashing / Gel Stations		Handwashing / Gel Stations	Red Tape Protocol		
		Policies to Protect High Risk Staff / Students		Policies to Protect High Risk Staff / Students	Policies to Protect High Risk Staff / Students		
		Schools operate with 100% student and 100% staff capacity (student groupings set at building level)		Schools operate with 50% student and 100% staff capacity (student groupings set at building level)	Schools operate with 0% student and "essential only" staff capacity (student groupings set at building level)		
		School sites create social distancing / classroom arrangement plans		School sites create social distancing / classroom arrangement plans	School sites create social distancing / classroom arrangement plans		
		Restroom/locker room protocols and monitoring		Restroom/locker room protocols and monitoring			
		Personal Protective Equipment purchased and available		Personal Protective Equipment purchased and available			
		Parent orientations prior to school start		Parent orientations prior to school start	Parent orientations prior to school start		
Parent and Family		Community messaging on health / safety		Community messaging on health/safety	Community messaging on school services		
Engagement		Teachers checking in with parents weekly		Teachers checking in with parents weekly	Teachers checking in with parents weekly		
3.3		Schools sending out weekly communications		Schools sending out weekly communications	Schools sending out weekly communications	No Visitors or volunteers or large gatherings (example Mom's and Muffins)	
		Office of Children's Services		Office of Children's Services	Office of Children's Services		
		Residential Youth Care (RYC)		Residential Youth Care (RYC)	Residential Youth Care (RYC)		
		Community Connections		Community Connections	Community Connections		
Wraparound		<u>Gateway Mental Health</u>		<u>Gateway Mental Health</u>	<u>Gateway Mental Health</u>		
Wraparound Support and Community Services		Ketchikan Cares Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (907) 225-2273 for anyone who needs it.		Ketchikan Cares Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (907) 225-2273 for anyone who needs it.	Ketchikan Cares Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (907) 225-2273 for anyone who needs it.		
		Faith-Based Organizations		Faith-Based Organizations	Faith-Based Organizations		
		Extended Learning Options		Extended Learning Options	District Food Services/Distribution		
		District Food Services/Distribution		District Food Services/Distribution	First Student Bus Company		
		<u>First Student Bus Company</u>		<u>First Student Bus Company</u>			
		First Student protocols for student transportation		First Student protocols for student transportation	First Student protocols for transport of high- needs students	Parents are encouraged to car pool and/or drive students to school, if possible	
		Parent drop off / pick up protocols developed at each building		Parent drop off / pick up protocols developed at each building	Transport of Food Services		

Transportation	Protocols for students who walk to school are developed at each building	Protocols for students who walk to school are developed at each building	Transport of Technology Devices	
	Bus / Taxi	Bus / Taxi		
	Specialized Transport for High-Needs Students	Specialized Transport for High-Needs Students		
	Transport of Food Services	Transport of Food Services		
	Small-group orientation the week of Labor Day for students and families so that they understand how school will "look different" in a low risk environment	Small-group orientation the week of Labor Day for students and families so that they understand how school will "look different" in a low risk environment	Small-group orientation the week of Labor Day for students and families so that they understand how school will "look different" in a low risk environment	
	Teachers check in with individual students and families on a weekly basis	Teachers check in with individual students and families on a weekly basis	Teachers check in with individual students and families on a weekly basis	
	Teachers inform school administrators and counselors of students and families who need extra support	Teachers inform school administrators and counselors of students and families who need extra support	Teachers inform school administrators and counselors of students and families who need extra support	
Trauma-Informed Practices and Social Emotional Needs	School administrators and counselors contact referred students and families, give help and support as needed	School administrators and counselors contact referred students and families, give help and support as needed	School administrators and counselors contact referred students and families, give help and support as needed	
	Training for students, families, community, and staff on virtual learning platforms and programs	Training for students, families, community, and staff on virtual learning platforms and programs	Training for students, families, community, and staff on virtual learning platforms and programs	
	Training for students, families, community, and staff on health/safety protocols	Training for students, families, community, and staff on health/safety protocols	Training for students, families, community, and staff on health/safety protocols	
	Training for staff and families about meeting students' emotional needs	Training for staff and families about meeting students' emotional needs	Training for staff and families about meeting students' emotional needs	
	Ketchikan Cares Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (907) 225-2273 for anyone who needs it.	Ketchikan Cares Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (907) 225-2273 for anyone who needs it.	Ketchikan Cares Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (907) 225-2273 for anyone who needs it.	
	Orientation for students	Orientation for students	Online orientation for students	
	Orientation for parents	Orientation for parents	Online orientation for parents	
	Orientation for community members	Orientation for community members	Online orientation for community members	
	Clear guidelines for health/safety practices	Clear guidelines for health/safety practices	☐ Virtual guidelines for health/safety practices	
"Welcome Back"	Orientation on essential tech learning objectives	Orientation on essential tech learning objectives	Online orientation for essential tech learning objectives	
Planning	Create signage to support health and safety protocols	Create signage to support health and safety protocols	Create signage to support health and safety protocols	
	Create building-specific videos regarding "return to school" protocols, share those videos with families via School Messenger, websites, and social media	Create building-specific videos regarding "return to school" protocols, share those videos with families via School Messenger, websites, and social media	Create building-specific videos regarding "return to school" protocols, share those videos with families via School Messenger, websites, and social media	
	Reestablish old routines, teach new routines	Reestablish old routines, teach new routines		
	Immunization	Immunization	School Closure / Change in Risk Level	
	School Closure / Change in Risk Level	School Closure / Change in Risk Level	Facility cleaning and disinfection protocol	
	Facility cleaning and disinfection protocol	Facility cleaning and disinfection protocol	Facility use by community defined at district level	
	☐ Visitor restrictions	☐ Visitor restrictions	Building access restrictions	
Additional	Substitutes -will be trained with staff during first two weeks back to school	Substitutes - assigning them to certain school sites and training them	Substitutes - if we can have them, assigning them to certain school sites and training them	
Considerations	Facility use by community defined at district level	Facility use by community defined at district level	Working with union representation to redefine staff job descriptions and expectations	
	Working with union representation to redefine staff job descriptions and expectations	Working with union representation to redefine staff job descriptions and expectations		
	Extended Learning Opportunities (held at local churches and staffed with district staff) for students to attend two days/week	Extended Learning Opportunities (held at local churches and staffed with district staff) for students to attend two days/week		
	Presentations at school board meetings	Presentations at school board meetings	Presentations at school board meetings	
	Workshops with school board	Workshops with school board	Workshops with school board	
	Superintendent conversations with stakeholders	Superintendent conversations with stakeholders	Superintendent conversations with stakeholders	
Connections with	Community/Parent Surveys	Community/Parent Surveys	Community/Parent Surveys	
Stakeholders	Meeting with EOC / Public Health	Meeting with EOC / Public Health	Meeting with EQC / Public Health	

Communication Committee sending out communciation weekly	Communication Committee sending out communciation weekly	Communication Committee sending out communciation weekly	
Superintendent Letters to Families/Community		Superintendent Letters to Families/Community	