

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 9 a.

MEETING OF August 18, 2021

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the Start Strong 2021-2022
Draft COVID Mitigation Plan

Superintendent
 Start Strong Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Melissa Brooks-Johnson, Interim Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Board is being asked to approve the Start Strong 2021-2022 COVID Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

An initial presentation on the Start Strong COVID mitigation plan was made to the School Board on August 11, 2021. A community question and answer session was held on August 12, 2021. Feedback at that meeting as well as a meeting on August 13 with local health professionals led to adjustments in the plan.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

ATTACHMENT:

- Start Strong DRAFT mitigation plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the Start Strong COVID mitigation plan."

KGBSD Start Strong Timeline

DATES	PLAN	DETAILS
August 23 - 25	Staff Training/ Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District & Building-Level Professional Development (PD) & ● Staff work day
August 26 & 27	First Two Days with Students (no early release on 8/27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students attend their first day of school on either August 26 or August 27 (no early release on 8/27) ● 50% groupings determined at building level ● Kindergarten Rolling Start ● Preschool Screening ● Full hours on both days (no early release on Friday, 8/27)
August 30 - September 3	Full Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten-12th grades full week ● Preschool Screening
September 6: Labor Day Buildings closed, no online activity September 7 - Onward	Schools Operate per KGBSD Start Strong Mitigation Plan	Low/Moderate/Substantial/High Risk mitigation plans implemented following risk level determination protocol

*Please remember: Fridays = early release days in full, normal weeks.
Each building has a different release time.*



KGBSD Start Strong Risk Level Determination

The KGBSD will have a district-wide operating risk level. All schools will follow the mitigation plans for that level.

How is it determined: The number of active COVID cases in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough (as reported and published by Ketchikan Public Health on its [SmartSheet](#)):

Low: 5 or fewer active cases

Moderate: 6-25 active cases

Substantial: 26-49 active cases

High: 50 or more active cases

Who sets the levels: KGBSD Superintendent

When levels are set/changed: Weekly (set on Friday afternoon for the following week)

Individual School Risk Level Increases and/or Closures Determination

Who: Superintendent in consultation with district/building administration, district nurses, public health nurses, and healthcare professionals.

When level increases and/or closures are made: As needed



KGBSD Start Strong Risk Level Mitigation Plans

LOW RISK

5 or fewer active cases in community

Learning Mode: In-person 100%

Masking: Personal choice of staff/student/parent at all schools

Screening: Within the classroom

Visitors: Welcome

Activities: Operating with no restrictions

Facility Use by Outside Groups: No restrictions

MODERATE RISK

6-25 active cases in community

Learning Mode: In-person 100%

Masking:

Middle schools & high schools: Required in all areas for all schools

Elementary schools: Strongly recommended for students in cohorted classrooms; required for all in common areas; required for staff in all areas

Screening: Within the classroom

Visitors: Invited, pre-approved, must be masked

Activities: Limited indoor spectator capacity; indoor spectators must be masked; participant masking protocols

Facility Use by Outside Groups: Limited spectator capacity; spectators must be masked; user groups must submit mitigation plan



KGBSD Start Strong Risk Level Mitigation Plans

SUBSTANTIAL RISK 26-49 active cases in community	HIGH RISK 50 or more active cases in community
<p>Learning Mode: In-person 100%</p> <p>Masking: Required in all areas at all schools</p> <p>Screening: Within the classroom</p> <p>Visitors: Invited, pre-approved, educationally-based visitors only, screened upon entering building, must be masked</p> <p>Activities: Limited indoor spectator capacity; indoor spectators must be masked; participant masking protocols</p> <p>Facility Use by Outside Groups: No spectators; Masks mandatory for participants; user groups must submit mitigation plan</p>	<p>Learning Mode: In-person 100%</p> <p>Masking: Required in all areas at all schools</p> <p>Screening: Prior to entering classrooms</p> <p>Visitors: No visitors allowed</p> <p>Activities: No spectators; participant masking protocols</p> <p>Facility Use by Outside Groups: None</p>



KGBSD Start Strong Plan: Educational Options

Options for Students:

- enroll at a school site and attend in-person classes following the risk level mitigation plans being implemented;
- enroll in one of the distance learning options (noted to the right).



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Single Point of Contact
Fast Track Office



Teacher: Parent



**Teacher: KGBSD
Teacher**



KGBSD Start Strong Plan: Travel

Vaccinated Individuals:

- Do NOT need to quarantine;
- Do NOT need to test as long as they remain asymptomatic.

Unvaccinated Individuals:

- Test for COVID upon returning to Ketchikan;
- Return to school after receiving a negative test result;
- Taking a second COVID test 5-7 days after travel is strongly recommended.

Individuals Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19 within the Last 90 Days:

The positive test result exempts them from testing or quarantine related to travel or being a close contact.

