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Memo

To: KGBSD School Board Members

From: Melissa Johnson, Interim Superintendent

CC: Kerry Watson, Board Clerk

Date: August 6, 2021

RE: Superintendent Report for August 11th meeting

Start Strong Committee held a work session on Tuesday, August 3rd, to discuss modifications to the district's COVID mitigation plan. Linnaea Troina was the lead facilitator of the Start Strong Committee, and will present the draft of the risk levels and the plan on how we are starting the school year at the August 11th School Board Meeting.

KGBSD Start Strong 21-22 Timeline and Risk Levels Draft

*This is a working, changing document; the PDF's attached may be outdated, so please check the link to the documents often.

<u>Linnaea Troina</u> has been hired as the <u>COVID Communications and Public Relations Director</u> for the 2020-2021 school year. We are super excited to have Linnaea joining the district office administrative team in this capacity. She will primarily focus on communicating current information about policies and situations involving COVID-19, but will also work on public relations tasks for the school district. We are currently advertising an Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Ketchikan High School due to Linnaea's reassignment.

On August 12th, the Start Strong Committee will host a community question-and-answer session in the Ketchikan High School Auditorium at 6:00 PM. The committee's plan is to share their draft plan with stakeholders and receive feedback that they can use to modify the draft moving forward.

Monday, August 9th we will be mailing out a "Welcome back" letter to all KGBSD staff, which will include a schedule for their district-wide professional development on August 23rd. They should expect to receive their letters by Wednesday, August 11th. I look forward to working with the KGBSD staff in this upcoming school year!

I hope everyone is having a pleasant and refreshing summer. I'm looking forward to welcoming new teachers to the 2021-2022 school year at their orientation days (August 19th-20th), and then welcoming all staff on their professional development day on August 23rd!



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New Teacher Orientation Agenda will include the following information:

- Meet Administration and Directors
- Meet KEA President
- Meet Cultural Coordinator
- Alaska Cultural Standards for Educators
- Frontline Absence Management, FMLE, Mandated Training, Ivisions
- Teacher Evaluation Training
- Payroll & Benefits
- **Teacher Reimbursements**
- **District Resources**
- K21 Email
- PowerSchool
- CANVAS
- District-issued laptops issued
- "Red Book" training Safety?
- Documentation and reporting processes?
- Grade-level curriculum review?
- Q & A
- Gift bags

KGBSD Start Strong Timeline

DATES	PLAN	DETAILS
August 23 - 25	Staff Training/ Planning	 Building-Level Professional Development (PD) & Staff work day
August 26 & 27	First Two Days with Students	 Students attend their first day of school on either August 26 or August 27 50% groupings determined at building level Kindergarten Rolling Start Preschool Screening Full schedule on both days (no early release on Friday)
August 30 - September 3	Full Week	Kindergarten-12th grades full weekPreschool Screening?
September 6: Labor Day Buildings closed, no online activity September 7 - Onward	Schools Operate per KGBSD Smart Start 21 Mitigation Plan	Low/Moderate/Medium/High Risk scenarios implemented as deemed appropriate and necessary

Please remember: Fridays = early release days. Each building has a different release time.



KGBSD Start Strong Risk Levels Basic Operating Overview

LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK
Educational Delivery Method: 100% in-person Masking: Optional at all schools Visitors: Welcome, must be masked Activities: Operating with no restrictions	Educational Delivery Method: 100% in-person Masking: Middle schools & high schools: Required Elementary schools: Recommended in cohorted classrooms, required in common areas Visitors: Invited, pre-approved, educationally-based visitors only, must be masked Activities: 50% spectator capacity
MEDIUM RISK	HIGH RISK
Educational Delivery Method: 100% in-person Masking: Required in all areas Visitors: No visitors allowed Activities: No spectators	Educational Delivery Method: 100% remote Masking: N/A Visitors: N/A Activities: None



KGBSD Smart Start Plan: Educational Options

Options for Students:

- enroll at a school site; attend classes according to the risk scenario schedules being implemented;
- enroll in one of the distance learning options (noted below)

Enrollment deadline: August 25, 2021





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Single Point of Contact Fast Track Office

Fast Track Homeschool K-12

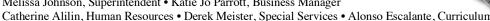
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Curriculum Report: Social Studies

- 1. The Social Studies Curriculum Committee met on August 6th to review curricular materials for world history, US history, and Street Law. In attendance: Diane Gubatayao, Bridget Mattson, Susan Stone, David Mitchel, Caitlin Jacobson, Gara Williams, and myself.
- 2. The materials will be displayed in the White Cliff building on Wednesday before the school board meeting in case members of the public want to peruse any of the potential textbooks and give feedback at the school board meeting. This will be advertised in the newspaper.
- 3. The old dilapidated textbooks will also be on display so everyone can see the urgency in purchasing new books for our students.
- 4. The consensus is that we are looking for a classroom set with electronic access for teachers and students.

Other subjects under review this year:

- 1. Math will be the big one this year since it is K-12.
- 2. Library
- 3. Spanish

Respectfully submitted, Alonso Escalante