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"...where each child is valued, life long-learning is embraced, and students are empowered to become Red Lake Nation ambassadors in the global community."

When the Children thrive, the Nation Thrives

Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan for 2022-23

Information for Parents and Staff Members

Board Approved August 12, 2022

Purpose, Public Comment and Community Engagement

As a requirement for Federal COVID funding, the district must develop a "Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan." This is intended to inform discussions about how the school district can safely and effectively improve/continue in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year.

The district has and will continue to provide opportunities for public comment and community engagement with school staff and at School Board Meetings (6.22.21, 7.21.21, 7.30.21, 8.16.21, 8.18.21, and 8.24.22). Public comments submitted to tlutz@redlake.k12.mn.us will be reviewed and used to improve the plan to reflect and support the Red Lake Community.

The plan is subject to change, because of the changing circumstances related to COVID.

Learning options for students in K-12

Students can attend school in-person 5 days per week. If additional accommodations are necessary, please speak to your building administrator.

K-12 SCHOOL INFORMATION

Grade Configurations

Ponemah Elementary School (PES) will serve students grades pre-K through 8. Red Lake Elementary Complex (RLEC) will serve students pre-K through 5. Red Lake Secondary Complex (RLSC) will serve students grades 6 through 12.

School and Classroom Placements

By the middle of August parents will be notified of classroom placements for students in grades PK-5. Students in the middle and high school will receive their school schedule at orientation in September.

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<u>Daily Starting and Ending Times</u>	<u>Monday Start</u>	<u>Tues.-Friday Start</u>	<u>End Time</u>
Red Lake Secondary Complex	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	3:20 PM
Red Lake Elementary Complex	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	3:05 PM
Ponemah Elementary Complex	10:00 AM	8:00 AM	3:25PM

*In mid-August, the district will send families bus pick up times.

Mitigation Strategies

To prioritize the health and safety of students, employees, and community members, the following mitigation strategies are currently planned for the 2022- 23 school year. Throughout the year the district will continue to monitor recommendations that come to us from CompHealth, Indian Health Services (IHS), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and use them to inform mitigation strategies in conjunction with the infection rate data of Red Lake and surrounding counties.

- The district will follow all mandates/requirements of Tribal Government, CompHealth, Indian Health Services, CDC, state law, Governor's executive order, Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Human Services, and the Minnesota State High School League.
- All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District #0038-01 buildings and buses are encouraged to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, as specified in the "[CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.](#)"
- All staff, students, and visitors within Independent School District #0038-01 buildings and buses, regardless of vaccination status, must follow the strategies of physical distancing, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfection, contact tracing, screening testing, and staying home when sick as defined in the "[CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools.](#)"
- Students and adults are expected to stay home if they are sick. Please screen for health conditions each morning prior to coming to school.
- COVID tests and vaccinations will be encouraged for staff and students.
- Social distancing of a minimum of three feet is encouraged when possible.
- Personal protective equipment may be used by students or staff, as necessary or desired.
- The district will follow all enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols. The district will continue to monitor newly released products and protocols for possible district wide improvement.

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- The district may limit the number of nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities from external groups.
- The district will continue to follow the most current MDH Decision Tree.
- The district will continue to make screening tests available to staff, students and specifically Student Athletes (as per MSHSL direction).
- If a student or staff are required to quarantine due to close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID, the district will follow the recommendations provided by Comprehensive Health and Indian Health Services who will also lead the designated district personnel in contact tracing.

Technology Services

The district provides devices for each student as appropriate to each grade level. If your child has problems with technology, first contact their teacher and then tech support.

Food Services

On-site students continue to receive free breakfast and lunches. These meals will be served in the cafeteria or their classrooms, as determined best for each school. All recommended protocols will be followed for social distancing and safe food service. If you have questions about food service, please contact Andrew Erickson at aerickson@redlake.k12.mn.us.

Transportation Services

Students are currently encouraged to wear masks on all public transportation, including school buses. Bus transportation will be offered to all Red Lake students. Pick up and drop off times will be shared with families in mid-August. If you have questions, contact Mike Nelson at mnelson@redlake.k12.mn.us.

Athletics and Activities

Athletic teams and activities will operate in traditional ways, the district will continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota State High School League and Minnesota Department of Education. Questions should be referred to Nolan Desjarlait at noland@redlake.k12.mn.us.

Student and Family Resources

Please refer to the Red Lake Public School District website, Red Lake Nation Facebook Page, Indian Health Service/Red Lake Hospital Facebook, CDC, MDH and the Red Lake Nation News website for student and family resources during these challenging times (links at the end of this document).

Requests for ADA Accommodations for Students

Requests for ADA accommodations can be mailed to Dustin Hinckley, Human Rights Officer, at dhinckley@redlake.k12.mn.us. If a student feels s/he has been denied a reasonable accommodation, they can call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights discrimination helpline at 833-454-0148.

Requests for ADA Accommodations for Employees

Requests for ADA accommodations can be mailed to Ashley Nelson, human resources manager, at avanhorn@redlake.k12.mn.us. If a staff member feels s/he has been denied a reasonable accommodation, they can call the MN Dept of Human Rights discrimination helpline at 833-454-0148.

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Resource Links

www.redlake.k12.mn.us Red Lake School District website

<https://www.facebook.com/RedLakeHS/> Indian Health Service/Red Lake Hospital Facebook

<https://www.redlakenationnews.com/> Red Lake Nation News

<https://www.facebook.com/Red-Lake-Tribal-Council-317920128380072/> Red Lake Nation Facebook

<https://www.cdc.gov/> CDC

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/> MN Department of Health

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/index.html> MN Department of Education

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