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Jersey CUSD #100 has been working on a plan to open school for the 2021-22 school year. The District has and will continue to communicate with all state agencies asking for their input to develop this plan. We are trying to balance the three most important pieces of this plan: everyone's health and safety; student social/emotional needs; and student academic needs.

What we know today:

Our local health department and hospital are communicating with us on how the new Delta variant is causing us to look at the *Back to School Plan* in a fluent way with regards to the spread of Covid-19.

- Our school board will plan on meeting August 9th to approve a back to school plan for this upcoming year assuming we have received appropriate guidance.
- We expect that schools will resume in-person learning for all student attendance days.
- Alternate instruction will be made available for students but only while they are under quarantine from the local health department.
 - While alternate learning may include live streaming, access to pre-recorded instruction, other digital content, homework packets, etc., it will not include the same amount of remote access to teachers that remote students experienced last year.
 - We will provide more details on what students should expect during quarantine periods as we begin the year.

What we don't know:

- We anticipate that ISBE(Illinois State Board of Education) and IDPH(Illinois Department of Public Health) will be updating guidance in response to the latest CDC guidance that is reacting to the current spread of the Delta variant.

We ask for your support and cooperation as we prepare to start the school year during what is developing to be a very complicated time. Parents should be thinking ahead for how to respond to children being quarantined and/or temporary closures of classrooms, grade levels, school buildings, etc. As this pandemic continues to evolve, all we can do is respond to conditions as we face them. Our goal is to operate as close to pre-Covid normal as we can, implementing mitigation strategies that keep our schools and community safe, and keep any suspension of in-person learning limited to only what is necessary.

We will continue to share additional information as it becomes available to us. We will continue to monitor updated guidance and regional and local conditions over the next several days and share an additional update during this time in August before school starts.