

Dear School District of Cambridge Families,

We are pleased to share that the Board of Education has approved the School District of Cambridge's "Back to School" Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

At this time, we plan to welcome back our students and staff for in-person teaching and learning. We will also offer a fully virtual option for students whose families request it. To learn more about this option, please contact your child's school office to request information about the fully virtual option.

Here are the guiding principles of our Back to School Plan:

- Strive to meet the academic, social-emotional and health needs of every student
- Maximize in-person learning
- Provide a fully virtual learning option to meet individual student & family needs

Within our buildings, we will have the following **health and safety protocols** in place as we begin the school year:

- All students and staff members will be required to wear masks or face coverings indoors. We will provide time for socially distanced "mask breaks" throughout the day. Masks will not be required when engaged in outdoor activities.
- Per [federal requirements](#), anyone riding a school bus or public transportation will need to wear a mask at all times. Students should put on their masks before boarding.
- All students and staff will be asked to self-monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#). If they are feeling sick, they should stay home from school. If they are experiencing symptoms of the virus, they should consult a healthcare professional right away and notify the school office.
- Students and staff will be frequently reminded about the importance of proper handwashing.
- We will maximize all school spaces to provide ample distancing.
- Custodians will continue to thoroughly clean all buildings after each school day.

Although CSD will not require students to be vaccinated to attend school, it is important to note that the Pfizer vaccine is now approved for people 12 and older. Vaccinations are a key component to preventing the spread of COVID-19. We encourage all eligible students to get vaccinated to help in our mitigation efforts. Vaccination will also play a role in our approach to quarantines. Unvaccinated students who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case will need to be quarantined, while those who are vaccinated will not need to do so. When it comes to the length of necessary quarantines, CSD will follow the latest guidance from our local health departments and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The School Board expects the superintendent and administrative team to determine if adjustments, including masking adjustment, need to be made on an as-needed basis. Determinations will be coordinated with information from the following sources:

- Monitoring incident rates in our schools and community
- Vaccination rates in our community
- Staff absences and the ability to safely operate a classroom/school
- Guidance from local health departments
- Guidance from Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Local or state health orders

Thank you for your support as we work to welcome students back to in-person learning while protecting the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and community members. Please visit this link to access our [Back to School Plan Here](#).

Sincerely,

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