

**GALLATIN COUNTY**  
**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7**

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Dear staff and community of Gallatin County CUSD 7,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. The Illinois State Board of Education have released guidance for schools on the 2020-21 school year.

This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, we do not have all answers to those questions as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we ask for your patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and implements the suggestions into our district's own transition plan.

Gallatin County CUSD #7 is keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year and anticipate releasing our own transition plan by as soon as possible.

As you may know, our district administration and school board have been discussing options. This guidance will accelerate those conversations, and I am confident our district can put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire district navigated a situation together that none of us could have imagined and we begin

I will be in touch soon. In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Judy Kaegi, Superintendent  
Gallatin County Community Unit School District #7