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District Planning Team Meeting #2 Update July 1, 2020

The District Planning Team met on July 1, 2020 from 9 AM-10:35 AM. Updates were given regarding the effort to identify A groups and B groups in order to implement a hybrid version of 50% of the students in attendance on two days of the week, with the other 50% involved in remote learning, completion of assignments, etc. remotely. The former 50% would then attend and participate in remote learning on alternate days. In an attempt to provide ease to family's students with last names beginning with A-K might go on A days and students with last names beginning with L-Z might go on B days. We would make every effort to accommodate families whose students have varying last names.

An additional update was shared regarding the Emergency Remote Learning Survey that was distributed on June 30. Over 600 surveys have been submitted to date.

Changes in the school calendar were discussed; moving the Staff Development days on October 9 and March 12 to August 24 and 28, in order to provide trainings for staff at the start of the school year. Students would attend school on October 9, 2020 and March 12, 2021. Two staff days would need to be eliminated within the school year in order to maintain the contracted 183 days for teachers. The Staff Development day on Election Day, November 3, 2020 would remain the same.

School physician, Smita Sonti, and school nurses Karen Jenkins, Jill Young, and Erin Taylor provided information regarding student and staff safety, trainings that will be necessary for staff and families, CDC guidelines, and COVID-19 testing.

Participants then attended breakout sessions by school, and district administrators, to discuss the four plans that have been proposed and their possible implementation depending on the direction from the Governor and the Commissioner of Education at the start of school. (See link)

Participants then returned to the Main Meeting and reported out on their discussions. Groups supported the possibilities of the four plans and schools will move forward on their plans to address the four possible models for fall opening. (See Link)