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Dear Staff and Barnum Families,

At the December 15, 2020, School Board meeting, I announced that our district plan is to bring all students back to school starting January 19, 2021. We will return to the schedule that was in place before both buildings needed to move to Distance Learning:

1. BES - full in-person learning M-F
2. BHS - in-person learning on M, T, Th, F, and distance learning on Wednesdays

This plan has a couple of hurdles it must clear:

1. Consultation with the Regional Planning Team, MDE, and MDH for approval. This consultation meeting will take place on January 6, 2021.
2. Meeting and implementing new guidance with the Governor's new order concerning opening schools.

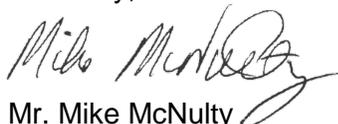
On January 11, 2021, after our regional planning meeting, the District will notify the staff, students, parents and community of all updates regarding the January 19, 2021 back-to-school start date. Please continue to check our website (www.isd91.org) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/barnumschools>), and pay attention to Messenger alerts for changes. Learning plans and events can change quickly.

Reminder: students should be screened at home each day prior to coming to the school. If your child has symptoms, please communicate with our school nurse, Melissa Johnson, or the building principal. The following link brings you to the home screening tool:

<http://isd91.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Home-Screening-Tool-9.10.20.pdf>

Thank you to the staff, students, and parents for your flexibility and understanding as we all work through this situation. We are all looking forward to resuming in-person learning just as soon as we safely can. Below is information explaining how decisions are made regarding learning plan changes, as it pertains to local covid health information.

Sincerely,



Mr. Mike McNulty
Superintendent

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An Explanation of how decisions are made regarding learning plan changes, as it pertains to local COVID health information

How school districts and charter schools should use county-based data in their decision-making? Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan is a data-driven, localized approach that prioritizes in-person learning, particularly for our youngest students. In-person school, along with engagement in extracurricular activities, are important for the health and wellbeing of students and families. This data-and-information-driven approach means that school districts and charter schools within the same county and in different counties may decide to implement different learning models depending on their unique assessments of their data and information.

How data is used: The county-level data presented in this document is to be used by school districts and charter schools to make decisions about their safe learning models. The county-level data is provided to assist school districts and charter schools but is not intended to be the sole basis for their decision-making. This data should be used in combination with additional data points and information about local school communities and school buildings.

What else is included in decision-making: In addition to the county-level data, when making decisions about their learning models, school districts and charter schools also need to take into account the number of confirmed positive cases, the number of people needing to quarantine, and the level of influenza or COVID-like illness in the school community and each school building. It is also important for school districts and charter schools to assess information about the conditions in their school community and school buildings, including implementation of health best practices in instructional settings (such as mask wearing and appropriate spacing of students), instructional preparedness (such as staffing sufficiency or cohorted classrooms), facility and transportation capacity, and engagement and communications with local stakeholders.