



July 23, 2020

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Dear Students, Parents, and Families of the Gillett School District,

We plan to reopen on September 1st full-time 5 days a week.

Due to the ever-changing circumstances surrounding the pandemic, we may very well be told how we must do school by a higher authority, but in the absence of any such directive, the Gillett School District will hold school in-person, five days a week for all grade levels. As expected, there will be increased safety and health measures in place.

Acellus is our new curriculum.

Gillett School District has recently partnered with Acellus to bring high-quality online and in-person instruction to allow for a smooth transition between face to face instruction and virtual instruction so that our grading system can remain intact. This program will be used for all students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

<u>Masking</u>

- Masks will be required to ride school bus transportation.
- Students will wear face-coverings as they enter and exit school, and whenever social distancing is not possible or when physical barriers are not practical, except when it involves physical activity or an underlying health condition exists.
- All adults within the Gillett School District will be required to wear masks. This includes all staff and those individuals who may be permitted to enter school premises throughout the school day.
- We must all take the face-covering measure seriously to prevent a total building closure. I will suggest if you have not done so already, that you begin to practice appropriate personal hygiene and face-covering protocols with your children.

<u>Lunch</u>

- We will be serving single lunches according to the guidelines given to us.
- We will have a closed campus for lunch for the opening of the school year. Based on data from the county, we can revisit this throughout the school year.

What is the school doing to mitigate the potential spread of infection?

- Masks in common areas
- Safely distance our students during transitions, lunch, classroom, and recess
- Continue to disinfect and sanitize

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What can parents do to help support the school's reopening plans?

- Continue to practice safe hygiene habits, social distancing and wearing masks when appropriate
- When your child has symptoms of being sick, especially coughing and fever, please keep them home
- Dropping off child/bus transportation comment
- Be prepared for an ever-changing situation and flexible in order to activate back-up plans on your end (i.e childcare arrangements, transportation needs, etc.)

What do we need from you?

We will be making phone calls starting on August 3 to gather the following information to plan for fall instruction. We are trying to make plans for staffing and how Acellus is going to be used:

- Do you plan to transport your child to and from school?
- Will your child/children be attending in person or virtually?
- How many students will be using wifi simultaneously?
- Are there changes in your internet service since we last contacted you last spring?

In our ever-changing environment, these plans may change and we may need to pivot on a moment's notice. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Todd Hencsik at <u>thencsik@gillett.k12.wi.us</u> or 920-855-2137.

Sincerely,

Todd Hencsik, Superintendent

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