August 13, 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

We first would like to congratulate the NRHS Class of 2020 in reaching their goal of graduation. It has been a journey like no other to get to this point but our seniors finally got to walk across the stage last Saturday evening at the NRHS Stadium! Thank you to the NRHS Administration and Staff for making this memorable experience possible for our students and their families.

I want to provide an update as we continue to plan for the start of the 2020-21 school year guided by the updated Tiger Launch Plan. To see the entire plan please click HERE. On Thursday, August 6, 2020, the SDNR Board of Education received an update from the Administration team that included various modifications to the Tiger Launch Plan first approved on July 20, 2020. Please know this situation continues to be fluid as we monitor county, regional, and state data.

As a District, we have created the SDNR Tiger Launch COVID-19 Decision Matrix to best select the appropriate learning model as we start the 2020-21 school year. Please note if we move to a more restrictive learning model it will be for at least 3 weeks (15 days) to include quarantine timelines. The SDNR Tiger Launch COVID-19 Decision Matrix and the following plan modification was approved by the Board of Education on August 6, 2020 and includes the following:

**Elementary Learning Model (Sliding Scale)**
- Face to Face – 5 Days a week
- Cohort Model
- Hybrid Schedule
- Remote Learning Model

**NRMS and NRHS Learning Model (Sliding Scale)**
- Face to Face – 5 Days a week
- Hybrid Schedule
- Remote Learning Model

This decision matrix will use the following data points to move from one learning model to another:

- 14 Day County Level Case Rate
  - Learning Model for School Opening Scale
    - 0-9 In-Person Learning for All Students
    - 10-19 In-Person Learning for Elementary Students; hybrid learning for secondary
    - 20-29 Hybrid Learning for All Students
    - 30-49 Hybrid learning for Elementary Students, distance learning for secondary students
    - 50+ Distance Learning for All Students
- Student and Staff Absences due to COVID-19 (SCCPH Required Quarantine)
- Student and Staff COVID-19 Positive Test
- Student and Staff Absences due to COVID-19 (Self Quarantine)
Substitute Staffing Availability
Community of New Richmond COVID-19 Testing Data
DHS School Re-opening Guidance planned to be released in the coming weeks

**SDNR 2020-21 First Day(s) Schedule**
- August 31: Orientation (K-5, 6th Grade, 9th Grade – more information below)
- September 1: Students Grades 6-12 Report and 4K-5 Orientation Day
- September 2: 4K Students and Students Grades 1-5 Report; Kindergarten Orientation
- September 3: Kindergarten Students Report

**SDNR Mask and Face Covering Overview**
- [SDNR Mask and Face Covering Requirements](#)
- [SDNR Mask and Face Coverings for Sale](#)

**Principal/Director Communications (Sent out Week of August 3rd)**
- [NR4Kids](#)
- [Hillside Elementary](#)
- [Paperjack Elementary](#)
- [Starr Elementary](#)
- [NRMS](#)
- [NRHS](#)

**2020-21 Student Orientation**
- Kindergarten (Student and parent face-to-face)
- Grades 1-8 (Parents’ orientation appointments will be remote and set up by teacher)
- Grades 1-8 (Students will come into building for assessment without parents by appointment)
- Grades 9-12 Start of the School Schedule (Remote Assignments will be given on days students are not in attendance)
  - Monday, 8/31: Freshman Class of 2024 students report to school
  - Tuesday, 9/1: Freshman Class of 2024 and Sophomore Class of 2023 students report to school
  - Wednesday, 9/2: Junior Class of 2022 students report to school
  - Thursday, 9/3: Senior Class of 2021 students report to school
  - Friday, 9/4: All Students Report to School for Traditional Face-to-Face Instruction

**2020-21 Fall Extra-Curricular Activities**
- High School Athletics will take place as planned below
  - August 17, 2020- Cross Country, Tennis, Golf
  - September 7, 2020- Football, Volleyball, Soccer
  - Tiger Strength can continue until seasons start

- Middle School Athletics will take place as planned below
  - September 3, 2020- Cross County can start
  - September 8, 2020- Football can start
  - September 8, 2020- Volleyball can start
    - MS and HS After School Clubs (Volunteered Advisor) will not take place until further notice
    - MS and HS Extra-Curricular (Paid Advisors) will take place after approval from District and safety plans submitted to SCCPH

**District Transportation**
- Bus seating charts will be instituted
- Notification Post Cards will be sent out the week of August 17
• Here Comes the Bus (App)
  o Tracking Features
  o Shows the real-time location of your child’s bus on a map
  o Gives scheduled and actual arrival times at home and school for bus routes
  o Provides push and email notifications when the bus is near
  o Click the links below for enrollment information
    ▪ Here Comes the Bus Flyer #1 (SDNR)
    ▪ Here Comes the Bus Flyer #2 (SDNR)

**Student School Supply Lists**

• [K-5 Elementary](#)
• [Grade 6](#)
• [Grade 7](#)
• [Grade 8](#)

As a District, we have been able to successfully offer various summer school opportunities with hundreds of our students at all levels without a positive COVID-19 case. We have also learned from these experiences and continue to adjust our plans based on these face-to-face learning environments.

Respectfully,

Patrick B. Olson
District Administrator