



Kent City Community Schools

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Mike Weiler, Superintendent
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Dear KCCS Families and Staff,

The purpose of the communication is to provide further information and clarification as a follow-up to my letter from last month regarding the start of the 2021-22 school year. We are excited to welcome our students back next Monday, August 23, and look forward to a very productive and enjoyable school year. Unlike last summer, our summer construction work is mostly on schedule, and we believe that we will be ready for an on-time start.

Since my previous communication, a number of events have occurred relative to the COVID-19 virus/pandemic. There is a Covid variant that has been discovered and has caused an additional number of cases of this virus since mid-summer, including in Kent County. As we prepare for the start of our school year next week, we will continue many of the mitigation strategies that we implemented last year:

- We will continue to social distance in our buildings to the extent that we can.
- We will be having students and staff use hand sanitizer and will be taking extra steps toward keeping all of our surfaces and areas in the building as clean as possible during the day.
- We will be continuing to ask parents to be sure that their children are symptom-free prior to sending them to school as was done this past year.
- We will continue to restrict outside traffic in the building to minimize the potential spread of this virus, similar to what was done this past year.
- We will continue to cohort students in classrooms where appropriate.
- Similar to last year, we will not be able to have volunteers in our building at least until the end of September, and have put a moratorium on field trips until that time as well.

Students getting on buses will be required by CDC orders to wear a mask when on the bus. Wearing a mask in the building will be optional for both students and staff. While we would encourage parents who have unvaccinated children to consider having them wear a mask during the school day, we are leaving that decision to parents.

Once our year begins, we will be closely monitoring the situation as it pertains to the virus and make whatever adjustments we think are appropriate for the safety and welfare of our students and staff.

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The other factor that we need to be reminded of is that if we get any orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services or the Kent County Health Department regarding any Covid mitigation strategies, we will implement them immediately as we did this past year, as they do carry the force of law.

I hope this brief communication has been helpful to you as we complete our final planning for the upcoming school year. You should have received communication from each building regarding the start of the school year, as well as a copy of the Eagle Report which summarizes all of the district events and activities.

Thank you for your continued patience and support of our school district and students!

Sincerely,

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Estimadas familias y personal de KCCS:

El propósito de la comunicación es proporcionar más información y aclaraciones como seguimiento a mi carta del mes pasado sobre el inicio del año escolar 2021-22. Estamos muy contentos de dar la bienvenida a nuestros estudiantes el próximo lunes 23 de agosto y esperamos un año escolar muy productivo y agradable. A diferencia del verano pasado, nuestro trabajo de construcción de verano está en su mayoría según lo programado y creemos que estaremos listos para comenzar a tiempo.

Desde mi comunicación anterior, han ocurrido varios eventos relacionados con el virus / pandemia COVID-19. Existe una variante de Covid que se ha descubierto y ha causado un número adicional de casos de este virus desde mediados del verano, incluso en el condado de Kent. Mientras nos preparamos para el inicio de nuestro año escolar la próxima semana, continuaremos muchas de las estrategias de mitigación que implementamos el año pasado:

- Continuaremos con la distancia social en nuestros edificios en la medida de lo posible.
- Haremos que los estudiantes y el personal usen desinfectante de manos y tomaremos medidas adicionales para mantener todas nuestras superficies y áreas en el edificio lo más limpias posible durante el día.
- Continuaremos pidiendo a los padres que se aseguren de que sus hijos no tengan síntomas antes de enviarlos a la escuela como se hizo el año pasado.
- Continuaremos restringiendo el tráfico externo en el edificio para minimizar la posible propagación de este virus, similar a lo que se hizo el año pasado.
- Continuaremos agrupando a los estudiantes en las aulas cuando sea apropiado.
- Al igual que el año pasado, no podremos tener voluntarios en nuestro edificio al menos hasta finales de septiembre, y también hemos puesto una moratoria en las excursiones hasta ese momento.

Las órdenes de los CDC exigirán a los estudiantes que suban a los autobuses que usen una máscara cuando estén en el autobús. El uso de una máscara en el edificio será opcional tanto para los estudiantes como para el personal. Si bien alentamos a los padres que tienen hijos no vacunados a que consideren que usen una máscara durante el día escolar, dejamos esa decisión a los padres.

Una vez que comience nuestro año, estaremos monitoreando de cerca la situación en lo que respecta al virus y haremos los ajustes que consideremos apropiados para la seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros estudiantes y personal.

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El otro factor que debemos recordar es que si recibimos órdenes del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Michigan o del Departamento de Salud del Condado de Kent con respecto a cualquier estrategia de mitigación de Covid, las implementaremos de inmediato como lo hicimos el año pasado. ya que tienen fuerza de ley.

Espero que esta breve comunicación le haya sido útil a medida que completamos nuestra planificación final para el próximo año escolar. Debería haber recibido comunicación de cada edificio con respecto al inicio del año escolar, así como una copia del Informe Eagle que resume todos los eventos y actividades del distrito.

¡Gracias por su continua paciencia y apoyo a nuestro distrito escolar y estudiantes!

Atentamente,

Mike Weiler, Superintendente

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