



# **Knob Noster R-VIII School District**

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## **Our Mission Is Student Success**

Date: July 10, 2020  
To: Knob Noster Public Schools Community  
From: Superintendent Jerrod Wheeler  
RE: Covid-19 Update – Return to School Plans In Progress

Dear Parents and Staff,

We hope this email finds you well and that you enjoyed a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday with your families.

I know many of you are probably as eager as we are to confirm details on our plan for returning to school this fall. The district continues to receive new information daily from a variety of sources and our team is working to condense and align all relevant information into our reopening plan. Our approach moving forward is to align our plan to safeguards that are: 1. Practical, 2. Impactful, 3. Attainable, and 4. Reasonable in regard to scope, cost, disruption, and outcomes.

Just as the case was for our transition to virtual learning last spring, how we reopen school in the fall will depend largely on requirements and guidance from local health agencies and the State of Missouri at that time. We are working now to anticipate a variety of scenarios and include those in our reopening plan.

As our mission statement affirms, we are committed to student success for every student. As such, our desire for the 2020-2021 school year is to provide in-person instruction for our students to the fullest extent possible. However, we are also planning to offer virtual offerings for those parents who choose to keep their students home. We expect to communicate the detailed reopening plan and options to our school community in the coming weeks.

We will continue to provide open and responsive communication as more information becomes available. Thank you for your patience and we wish your family a safe and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Jerrod Wheeler, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools