



Whitefish Bay

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Greetings Whitefish Bay Families and Staff,

The School Board met Monday night to review the [Roadmap to the Opening of Schools 2020-2021](#), and to consider the recommended learning models for the start of the school year. The board reviewed the final work of the Ad Hoc committee around safety and operations, learning, and supporting students, as well as the current health data for the North Shore. The Board is grateful to the members of the Ad Hoc Committee, as their feedback has informed the administration's preparations throughout the summer.

The District will be well-prepared to deliver learning in the year ahead, despite the uncertainties of the pandemic environment. We remain committed to providing high-quality education for all students while mitigating health risks for students, staff, and the community.

Monday's meeting was the School Board's first opportunity to discuss the specific modalities that the district has recommended. The Board reviewed the options for the best modality in which to start the school year. The board identified several areas where more information is needed, and then welcomed public comment, which included several Whitefish Bay students. The Board of Education will receive a recommendation from Administration and decide on a final plan for the reopening of schools during a **Special Meeting on Monday, August 3 at 7 PM**. There will be another opportunity for public comment at that time.

The following themes emerged through the work of the Ad Hoc committee:

- Adaptability and flexibility will be required of everyone in our school community as we navigate throughout the school year.
- Community health data is a significant factor in making decisions. Currently, the number of cases and the percentage of positive tests are on the rise in the North Shore.
 - Our behavior right now determines the community spread of the virus on September 1.
 - Every family plays a role in keeping our community healthy and following best practices to contain the spread of the virus.
- Masks will be required of all staff and students for any in-person learning, consistent with the Village of Whitefish Bay ordinance.
- Robust Virtual Learning will be an option for families in any model.

Please contact us directly with concerns or questions.

Thank you,

Dr. John W. Thomsen
Superintendent of Schools

Sandy Saltzstein
School Board President