

# HS Q&A ZOOM MEETING 10/14/2020

## Message From Mr. Henry

- There is a Survey that was put out yesterday from the School District regarding returning to school. Please go to the District Website to take that survey. We greatly appreciate it.
- Qmlativ is our new student information system. We are no longer are using Skyward. It might say Skyward in some areas. Attendance and grades should be updated this week after everyone being in the dark for about a week. Thank you for the continued patience and understanding.

**Q:** Just wondering if the school has come up with an online only option for high school students through teams instead of doing hybrid in person model?

**A:** The online only options are through two online programs called Apex and Edgenuity. We cannot require teachers to teach both in class and on teams.

**Q:** How do I edit my student information on skyward?

**A:** We just switched to Qmlativ and we are still processing on how to work that ourselves. Please contact the HS office with any further questions regarding the new program and/or updating information. HS Office 588-2140.

**Q:** What will hybrid look like for the High School?

**A:** We haven't nailed down a specific schedule but if we follow along with the other schools in district it will be an AM & PM Schedule. Periods 1, 2, and 3 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and Periods 4, 5, and 6 on Tuesday and Thursday, the following weeks would flip back and forth. Families would go with families so that it is cohesive with the other school in the district.

**Q:** Will teams be going through at least end of semester/quarter so kids can get their grades and credits for high school students?

**A:** It would be until the day we come back to school.

**Q:** How can the janitorial staff clean entire school in 1 hour and 45 minutes?

**A:** Kids will wipe desk and areas when present. The custodial staff are confident they can get everything done in that time frame.

**Q:** So why was the original communication that this whole quarter would be online with potential hybrid next quarter, now rush to start next week? the middle school principal had a zoom meeting last week stating elementary starting in person week of the 2nd and then a few days later, a notice about it being next week? Can you give the new plan on when each grades are going back in person?

**A:** Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> is the second Quarter. Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> earliest we could come back. K-2 give it a good week before we move into another group. The plans are always changing.

**Q:** Ok so I am very concerned with the am / pm schedule and are other options being explored....I teach in a neighboring district and we are looking at A/B schedule where kiddos come all day Monday Tuesday online Wednesday B group Thursday Friday

My concern am/pm 1 - classes will be very short and content will not go well (hard to teach in such a short amount of time) 2 - Weather we are asking kiddos to walk a distance (we live in the country) so walking over a mile when they do not even have PE outside in the winter

Concern 3 - teachers will be teaching 10 classes a day vs. 5

**A:** Yes other options were explored. What we are going to do is what is best for our district and families.

**Q:** How would you go online and sign up?

A: Call your students counselor. Belinda Loy 588-2152 Students Last Name A-L, Alyse Pivovarnik 588-2164 Students Last Name M-Z.

**Q:** Why are we not doing every other day?

A: All options are being explored but the final decision will be what is best for our students, families, and district.

**Q:** Why can't students just do online learning via the video if the video will be uploaded already for ppl who may be sick? We don't want to switch schools but have immune compromised ppl in the home. Should we just call the school to get info for apex or other school? We won't be doing in person learning. Also in the last meeting you said children would be allow to attend with up ton2 symptoms of being sick how is that safe?

A: Contractually we can't require teachers to teach online and in class. If you want to make the decision to have your student to do online then that is up to you. We understand this decision is hard and we understand all circumstances. Please see attached documents regarding symptoms. Please understand information from the Health department changes weekly and sometimes daily.

**Q:** Why could they not eat in the class room?

A: Teachers are able to have a duty free lunch and at the high school their lunches are at the same time as the students. The kids wouldn't be able to leave the school or classrooms and we don't have enough supervision for each classroom to relieve the teacher to take a lunch.

**Q:** Why are we not addressing the option of keeping our kids safe by sticking to the online schooling?

A: We have addressed these option but there are also social emotions, stress, anxiety, and other health issues that are showing up for students right now. There are other districts opening and already open. It's a tough decision and would be best for your family.

**Q:** How would transportation work? Would there be social distancing on buses?

A: Transportation will be following CDC guidelines, social distanced seats, and family sits together.

**Q:** in the last meeting you said students could come to school with 2 symptoms of being sick. How is that safe for any of the students?

A: There are different levels of systems. See attached documents for the processes that we will be taking. We are also looking into an annotation app where kids will fill that out before they come to school.

**Q:** How will the school respond if or when there is positive case at the school?

A: See attached documents.

**Q:** How will kids get to classes in the ag/shop building? Will they have to only use the front doors and walk around?

A: If they have that class the 1<sup>st</sup> period of the day then yes, they will enter through the front door. For the other class periods there will go in and out of the building like previously but there will be an administrator monitoring the passing times.

**Q:** What is going on about sports?

A: The levy failed so we don't have funds to support sports. We are looking at how to get community members t together to possibly support sports when we are able to have them.

**Q:** Are you going to enforced mask?

A: Yes.

**Q:** In the school board meeting on the 12th a lot of teachers thought it would be too hard to enforce masks how will the school ensure masks will be worn? In addition 10 of the 12 questions for the board were urging the school not to open and these comments were from teachers if teachers and parents don't feel it is safe to open why are we opening?

**A:** There are many factors. We understand the hesitancy from parents. We encourage families to make the best decision for them and their students.

**Q:** So what guarantee do we have that our kids will not get COVID? how are we guaranteed 100 percent, because anything less than that is an unacceptable risk. CDC states wearing a mask will not keep us safe from getting COVID.

**A:** There isn't anything in life that we know 100% and we can't guarantee. We would recommend making your decision what is best for you and your family.

**Q:** So if school starts November 2nd will kids just get there credit for the entire semester?

**A:** No, they only receive full credit at semester. Semester ends January 15, 2021.

**Q:** For the kids that do have to wait for 10 day because they have a positive case how will they keep up with homework?

**A:** Encourage teachers to record on teams and communicate that way to keep them up to date but we're not 100% sure that will happen.

**Q:** Will everyone in the school be notified if there is a case? At the private schools in Richland an email goes out to all families at that time the families from the entire school are given an option to quarantine to be on the safe side will kibe do that?

**A:** We will get more information on this and information will be released by the district.

**Q:** Can a parent choose to send their kids to school a couple days a week for the first couple weeks to make sure this is what we want for them?

**A:** Absolutely. We will be as flexible as possible.

**Q:** So the kids are going to lose the grades for all their hard work?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Is there a plan for sped kids coming back before Nov 2nd?

**A:** No.

**Q:** Who gets to vote on all this?

**A:** The community, the School Board officials, and Mr. Peterson. Here is the link to the returning to school survey <https://www.kibesd.org/Page/1484>. You can also email Clay Henry at [chenry@kibesd.org](mailto:chenry@kibesd.org) and Pete Peterson at [ppeterson@kibesd.org](mailto:ppeterson@kibesd.org) with any concerns.

**Q:** Would students rotate classrooms?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Will lockers be used or do they carry their backpacks?

**A:** No lockers just backpacks.

**Q:** If we could revisit sports and the levy again - my assumption has always been that levies are for learning so are you saying that when allowed sports would not happen?

A: Levy's pay for extracurricular activities like clubs and sports as well as other things but yes since our levy failed we don't have funds for sports when allowed. We are looking at how to get community members together to possibly support sports when we are able to have them.

**Q:** If we wait to transfer until we know if school is going to start can students continue with teams until transferred to apex?

A: Absolutely, yes.

**Q:** So when is then levy running again?

A: The next time we can run it is, February 2021.

**Q:** Will kids still get college credits for the work they put in that we were told they would get if they switch to apex?

A: We will get this information to you. \*Update\* Yes, we are offering sophomore college credits but they would have to finish the semester to receive college credit.

**Q:** I think a lot of parents are confused as to why if we choose online, why we can't stay on teams as we are now

**A:** Teams is with a teacher running it and supported by our staff. Online is a different programs and there is no teacher instructing classes.