

Hello Northview families,

Below is your Monday update for the week of June 22, 2020. We delayed the sending in order to include timely information regarding return to school in the fall.

Kent ISD School Re-Entry Survey Results

Ron Caniff, the Kent ISD Superintendent, held a press conference today (6/23) for the purpose of sharing the results of the county-wide family survey that was conducted in early June. The press release can be accessed at [Kent ISD's Re-Entry Plan Survey](#).

Our Northview specific results mirror that of the county averages. Most families want to return in the fall with a traditional school schedule, but they also want the option to choose a remote learning option in case of safety concerns.

Northview will be prepared to teach students when school begins on Tuesday, August 25, regardless of the format.

While we are working diligently to prepare for the start of the school year, we are also being cautious in our decisions and actions. It is difficult to be patient. We would all like to know what school is going to look like next year. But the reality is that school districts will be directed by the state of Michigan on how we are allowed to teach students next year.

The Governor has stated that we will get our first look at how schools will operate in the fall on June 30. We anticipate updates by the Governor throughout the summer, and we will share this information with you in our weekly updates. Until we have concrete direction, we will continue to prepare for any and all scenarios.

Northview's Budget for 20-21

The Northview Board of Education unanimously approved the recommended budget for the 20-21 school year at their June 22 work session. School district budgets are inherently difficult because state law requires school boards to adopt a budget for the upcoming school year by June 30, which is the end of their fiscal year. The state of Michigan's fiscal year ends on September 30. The difference between state and school district fiscal years creates confusion and forces school districts to make real decisions based on incomplete information. That is in a normal year. COVID has multiplied the challenges several times over.



Northview's budget assumes a decrease of \$500.00 in the per student foundation grant for the 20-21 school year, no proration, and a decrease in enrollment of 23 students. The significant decrease in assumed revenue required difficult decisions to be made in constructing the 20-21 budget. Those difficult decisions included the layoff of many of our paraprofessionals, the layoff of a part-time teacher, reducing another teacher's schedule, and moving teachers and staff into different positions. Northview's reductions are less than in other districts because we had several teachers retire at the end of this school year. We continue to hope that the state and federal government will provide the necessary resources to reverse at least some of the planned changes.

Chromebook Collection

Beginning July 7, we will be collecting borrowed chromebooks each Tuesday and Thursday during our scheduled food distribution times (see below). Please label the device with your student's first and last name and give it to a volunteer at the curb. PLEASE NOTE: All chromebooks must be returned by July 30, 2020.

Food Distribution Continues Throughout Summer

Our weekly food distribution will continue until August 20, 2020 at Northview High School (no food distribution on July 2). To-go breakfasts and lunches will continue to be served curbside each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. In addition, [Plainfield Library](#) (KDL) is partnering with Feeding America to present Meet Up and Eat Up summer food program each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday this summer from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm. Anyone 18 years old and younger may pick up a free lunch and Summer Wonder reading materials at the library to take home so you can eat up while you read up!

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, there will be no Monday email communication on June 29. We wish you and your family a wonderful and safe holiday!

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Korpak
Superintendent

