

Dear Telluride School Community,

It is hard to believe that, if all goes as planned, we will be back in school in four weeks. While there is still a lot to be done to prepare for our opening, I feel proud of what we have accomplished over the past weeks.

- Following the success of our Parent Town Hall meetings last week, we will be holding another Parent Town Hall next Thursday at 5:30pm specifically for our Spanish speaking families, and will look toward how we might integrate these meetings in the future. Please share news about this meeting with anyone you know who would be interested in attending.
- At Thursday's Board meeting, we shared a summary of the parent survey results. In the end, we received 610 responses, which is amazing, so thanks to all who contributed. If we can find a way to post concise results on our website, we will do that. We realize that the landscape has changed since we asked you if you completed the survey, so if your family plans have changed in terms of in-person vs. remote learning for your student, please contact your school principal to let them know.
- The Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released guidance on July 20 specifically on reopening schools. The link to the full guidance is: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/20200720reopeningguidance>. While we will need to make some adjustments, our current plans align with the reopening guidance. A summary of our current plan is:
 - If we remain in the current Safer At Home Phase:
 - TES and TIS would hold in-person instruction with normal class sizes; except that families would always have the opportunity for their student to join the class remotely in real time through a "swivel camera" and Zoom setup. We would minimize movement of classroom cohorts and teachers as much as reasonably possible. Face coverings will be required, with flexibility between masks and other options (such as face shields) depending on specific needs.
 - TMHS would hold in-person instruction with reduced class sizes; with students attending in-person on alternating days (so each student would come 2-3 days per week). Families would always have the opportunity to join the class remotely in real time through a "swivel camera" and Zoom setup. Students with specific needs might attend in-person every day. There would be four classes held each day on an alternating A/B block schedule. Face coverings will be required, with flexibility between masks and other options (such as face shields) depending on specific needs.
 - If we should move into Protect Your Neighbor Phase, then TMHS would likely move toward in-person instruction every day, with the exception of those families/students who choose to participate remotely.
 - If we should move into Stay At Home Phase, the all schools would likely move to 100% remote learning.
- We await further specific guidance from the state on what decisions we make and protocols we follow based on positive cases within our buildings. We expect that soon.
- While we are encouraged by the lower number of reported cases in the county this week, and by the Town of Telluride's move to a stricter mask order, we still cannot definitively state that we are reopening schools in the way indicated above. Our ability to reopen will depend on what happens in

the next few weeks. Please continue to help your child practice wearing a mask, and encourage everyone you can to follow the five commitments:

- Wear a mask
 - Maintain six-feet of physical distance
 - Minimize group size
 - Wash hands frequently
 - Stay home when sick and get tested
- We still are looking for substitute teachers, and have other vacancies as well. please contact Sue Kunz at skunz@telluride.k12.co.us, or 369-1231 for more information. We are also working with Tri-County Health Network to organize volunteers, and will share more on that in the near future.

Thank again to everyone in our school and greater community.

Sincerely,

John Pandolfo

Superintendent Telluride Schools