

November 12th, 2020

Greetings Cadet Family,

If we have learned anything during this pandemic, it is how quickly things change and how we need to have the flexibility and grace to change with an unknowing (and sometimes unforgiving) environment.

After watching our positive cases continue to increase after our last communication went out, we are making the decision to start our hybrid model for all buildings in Iowa Falls and Alden beginning on **Monday, November 16th.** We will also not have school the week of Thanksgiving. We are postponing all school events before Thanksgiving break and will continue to monitor conditions to determine when we can resume "normal" activity.

This was not an easy decision and we are fully aware of the stress and burden it can place on families. We are trying to give as much notice as possible, which is why we are continuing to meet as scheduled for the remainder of this week before starting the Hybrid Model. Here is an updated calendar and schedule for our students:

Mon. Nov. 16th	Tues. Nov. 17th	Wed. Nov. 18th	Thur. Nov 19	Fri. Nov 20
Group A	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B
Mon. Nov. 23 No School	Tues. Nov 24 No School	Wed. Nov 25 (as Planned) No School	Thur. Nov 26 (as Planned) No School	Fri. Nov 27 (as Planned) No School
Mon. Nov. 30th	Tue. Dec 1st	Wed. Dec 2nd	Thur. Dec 3rd	Fri. Dec. 4th
Group B	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B
Mon. Dec. 7th	Tues. Dec 8th	Wed. Dec 9th	Thur. Dec 10th	Fri. Dec. 11th
Group A	Group A	Group A	Group B	No School
Mon. Dec. 14th	Tues. Dec. 15th	Wed. Dec. 16th	Thur. Dec 17th	Fri. Dec 18th
Group B	Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B
Mon. Dec. 21st	Tues. Dec. 22nd	Wed. Dec 23rd	Thurs. Dec 24th	Fri. Dec 25th
Group B	Group A	No School	No School	No School



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As a reminder, here are the breakdowns for Group A and Group B. Any changes that were made at the beginning of the year to accommodate families are still in effect. There may have also been some changes made since the beginning of the school year that will be communicated to those specific families from building personnel.

Alden CSD	Iowa Falls CSD
Group A - Last Names A - H	Group A - Last Names A - K
Group B - Last Names I - Z	Group B - Last Names L - Z

We can always move back into our normal model at any time if numbers consistently improve, but there is the very real possibility that we would need to enter our remote learning model. It is also possible that one building moves into our normal learning model before the others. We will communicate any changes with as much notice as possible.

We are asking for everyone to do their part and help stop the spread of this virus. Our decision to make this change was not an easy one and we also realize it may be a step towards closer to remote learning. We are asking for everyone to stay home when they are sick, do what you can to avoid large gatherings, and follow other guidelines to help us return to in-person learning five days a week. There are a lot of hard decisions that will have to be made moving forward, but we firmly believe if we all do our part, we can limit the disruption to our lives.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. District principals may provide more specifics that are pertinent to their building.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Tony Neumann, Superintendent



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