



Isna Wica Owayawa

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To: Parents/guardians of Isna Wica Owayawa wakanyeja

From: School Improvement Team

RE: SY20-21 Plans

As we look forward to the upcoming school year and look at all the factors that influence the difficult decisions we have to make here at Isna Wica Owayawa, we want to honor the wishes of the parents/guardians in regards to the delivery of instruction for their child(ren). Currently all decisions made will be with the health and safety of the students and staff first and foremost.

Our first day of school will be Thursday, August 20th.

Plan 1: Distance Learning 100%

We will have to provide instruction through the internet and also provide work packets for those who do not want to do the online classroom. Students will not be allowed to be in face-to-face contact. Lunch will be delivered to the homes. ***This will be the plan if the cases are high and continuing to rise or if the appropriate officials tell us we can not have face-to-face contact.***

Plan 2: Traditional

School like we have done every year for at least the last decade. This means all enrolled students will be bussed in to attend classes in the school building. Meals will be provided on-site. Sports and extra-curricular activities will happen after school. ***This will be the plan if the virus goes away or the appropriate officials tell us we can have face-to-face contact.***

Plan 3: Combination of Delivery of Instruction methods. ***This will be the plan if we are allowed to have face-to-face contact, while following the CDC guidelines for COVID-19.***

Parents/guardians will have a choice of:

Option A. 100% Distance Learning. This means the students will stay at home. They will receive their instruction through online classrooms and programs. Students and parents/guardians will sign a contract to ensure their child(ren) are completing their work

daily. Lunch will be delivered to the homes. Chromebooks will be provided to those students who need one. The MIFI hot spots will also be distributed as needed.

Option B. In Classroom and Distance Learning. This means the students will come to school for three hours per day, either a morning or afternoon session. They will also be doing Distance Learning for the other three hours of the day, either a morning or afternoon session. We have to split our day into two sessions to accommodate the social-distancing guidelines. We will need to make four bus runs per day.

The morning session will be bussed in and will receive breakfast. This session will have three hours of instruction in the classroom. They will eat lunch in their classroom. Then they will be dismissed to go home. They will continue their day at home, with three hours of online programs. The staff will sanitize the classrooms when the morning session goes to the buses.

The drivers will go on another run to pick up the afternoon students. They will bring them to the school, will sanitize their buses to get ready to take the morning session students home. There will be a bus monitor on each bus to ensure the students wear their masks and sit the required distances apart. Masks will be collected and washed daily. Each student and staff member will receive two masks initially. We may need to acquire more depending on the length of this pandemic. We will also need to hire bus monitors for the bus runs.

The afternoon session will receive lunch in their classroom when they get here. They will receive three hours of instruction in the classroom. These students will also be required to do three hours of online programs in the morning, prior to coming into school. These students will receive a snack before going home.

Students will have their temperatures checked before getting on the buses and staff before they enter the building. We are currently working on a Health Plan, to address the procedures that need to be taken in the event of any illness, especially the COVID-19 virus.

Social-distancing guidelines will be enforced, on the buses and in the school building. Students and staff will be required to wear a mask or face shield from the time they get on the buses to the time they get off the buses. We will follow the guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and SDDOE.

We are in the midst of preparing our school for social-distancing. We are creating classroom space marked for our daily procedures. We are moving furniture to create more space. We are marking the floors so the students know what to do. We have to purchase a teacher cart, as the teachers will be mobile while the students stay in one classroom. We are creating entry and exit points for our school. We are developing our Advocacy program to continue to provide services to all our students, whether they are here or at home. We are waiting for the hand sanitizer, digital no-touch thermometers, gloves, masks and other cleaning supplies to come in. Our plans are works in progress and we add to and change as we see necessary.