

MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

MSAD #32 Administrators, Teachers, and Staff have been busy for the past several months preparing for Ashland District School to reopen for in-person learning to begin the 2020-2021 school year. We are continuing to monitor the number of cases in our community, county, and state in making the decision as to how to best open our school in a way that keeps our students and staff safe. **MSAD #32 is planning to return to in-person learning when school resumes on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 as scheduled.**

The rationale behind returning to in-person instruction is based on the fact that currently, there are very few active cases of coronavirus in Aroostook County with no hospitalizations, and the State of Maine continues to see a downward trend in coronavirus in recent weeks. We will continue to monitor the number of cases and utilize this information to determine the safest option for educating our students.

MSAD #32 is working on 3 plans for educating our students, depending on the level of the spread of the coronavirus and the best interests of safety for our students and staff. **We plan to begin with the (green) plan which involves full day in-person learning for all students.**

GREEN – In-person learning for students that incorporates social distancing, face coverings, and cleaning measures in our building. Remote learning will be available for students with medical conditions or with other personal circumstances. This plan will remain in place provided that we continue to have low coronavirus case counts in our communities and county.

YELLOW – A combination of in-person and remote learning. This phase would be used as a temporary transition period between remote learning and in-person learning and not a long-term solution.

RED – In a similar fashion to last Spring's remote at home learning plan, learning will be conducted with learning materials for all students online. We would put this plan into place if we saw a significant increase in cases in our communities and county.

MSAD #32 created its reopening plan based on guidance from the National Center for Disease Control (CDC) and guidelines provided by the Maine Department of Education. Our opening plan contains a number of priorities that may look different depending on the age and educational level of our students.

Sincerely,



Gehrig Johnson, Superintendent of Schools