



FLATONIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Bulldog Family,

Wow! What a great turnout for our Meet the Teacher event on Monday evening! We appreciate you taking the time to stop by to meet your child's teachers and to see the new and updated facilities. As you know, we will begin classes on Wednesday, August 19, for both our "In-person" and "Remote" Learners. Regardless of the mode of instruction you have selected for your child, we are excited to welcome them to the new school year. As you well know, there are a lot of questions that remain and details that we will continue to work out over the next few days. We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through this unprecedented time. I would like to take this opportunity to share a few important points that we ask you to keep in mind as we start the school year.

Remote Learning

Currently, we have approximately 16% of our students participating in Remote Learning. During the first few days of school, teachers will be reaching out to our remote learners to discuss procedures, expectations, and assess the status of student technology in the home. There will likely be a few introductory assignments to help get the ball rolling. Just like in a traditional experience, laying the groundwork in the first few days is essential to the long-term success of the learning experience. Within a few days, more routine processes will be in place for your child. Please keep in mind that daily engagement and progress will be required as part of Remote Learning, just as would be expected in a traditional setting. We anticipate that there could be potential hiccups as we begin; therefore, we respectfully ask for your patience while we get the remote experience up and running. Should you need any assistance or have questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or principal.

In-Person Learning

Flatonia ISD anticipates having approximately 84% of our students to report on Wednesday for traditional, In-Person Learning. As we have shared during the summer, there will be numerous precautionary measures in place to help keep students and staff safe while on campus. These include additional cleaning and sanitization, social distancing measures, face coverings for staff and students (4th -12th grades required), health monitoring, and controlled visitor access. We wish to make clear that although we will implement our enhanced measures with fidelity, there is an inherent risk associated with bringing large groups of people together. Therefore, we will continually monitor and follow our health and safety protocols that have been developed through local input and that are aligned to state and national health recommendations. As we begin this school year, the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Should you have any questions as we begin the school year, again, we ask that you reach out to us so that we can provide clarification or guidance.

Facilities

We are extremely excited for everyone to experience our new and updated FISD facilities. Although we have construction continuing through the fall semester in the Pre-K and Kindergarten wing and at Bulldog Stadium, much of the major construction is concluding. We hope that you were pleased with what you were able to see during Meet the Teacher. We still have a few areas that are nearing completion within the main buildings; however, the instructional classrooms are ready for students. We look forward to a time in the future when we can fully share the beautiful classrooms and hallways with everyone. We are very blessed to have such a supportive community who takes pride in our schools and we are completely grateful for the facilities provided through our 2018 Bond Program.

In closing, I could not be prouder of all the hard work that has gone into preparing for the start of school this year. Our faculty and staff are eager to welcome our students back. Although there are a lot of unknowns in our world today, I can assure you that the faculty, staff, administration, and FISD Board of Trustees will remain vigilant in providing our students and families with a positive school experience. We look forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow. Please let us know if you need anything to help get your child's year off to a great start! GO DOGS!

With Bulldog Pride,

Andy Reddock, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Flatonia ISD