

August 14, 2020

Nevis Public Schools Parents, Students, Staff and Community

Our planning team felt it was important to give you an update as we continue our efforts to keep our families informed.

If school were to start today we would use our model of all students who want to return coming back Monday-Thursday to the school, with Friday as a distance learning day for all students. Families who have identified a desire to distance learn full time would be accommodated through distance learning plans arranged through the school district.

However, Hubbard County's 14-day COVID-19 case rates are currently at 7.67 and appear to be trending upward. If this trend continues, it is possible that Nevis Public School could begin the year with our PK-5 students all in the building and 6-12 students operating from a hybrid model, with only 50 percent of the students in the building at a time, on an alternating A days/B days schedule. Please refer to the Return to Learn Plan for more details on this model.

In an effort to be as accurate as possible and to keep our students and staff as safe as possible, we will continue to watch the numbers in Hubbard County, and expect to make our final decision on August 31.

We know it is frustrating not to have the answer. It is frustrating and difficult for us, too, as we would like to be as prepared as possible. However, these numbers are a moving target, and we must follow the guidelines set by the state. We feel it is better to be cautious in making our decision so that when we do make the call it will be as final as it can be, rather than declaring our plans and then having to change them. We feel that would be more disruptive to our families. What we hope is to give you an answer definitive enough to allow you to make your plans without having to scramble to change them at the last minute. Again, the numbers will dictate and may continue to change as we move through the weeks and months of the school year. Please know that the safety of your children and of our colleagues is our top priority.

Thank you for your patience, and for doing all you can to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our county.

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