



Harding County School District #31-1

Home of the Ranchers

*Establishing a
Foundation for
Future Endeavors*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Since March we have witnessed our world turned upside with the COVID 19 pandemic. These are trying times and as a district, we have worked very hard to ensure that our return to school is successful. We believe that our environment at school gives students the best chance to succeed academically, emotionally, and socially.

The Harding County School District's School Board and Administration plan to start school on Wednesday, August 19th, 2020 with face-to-face instruction. Precautions will be taken and are outlined in the documents within the newsletter and school website. Parents/Students will need to keep in mind that this is living document and an influx of positive COVID-19 cases in our community, may force plans to change quickly.

HARDING COUNTY USING PHASES APPROACH FOR COVID RETURN

PHASE I (No Cases in Building)

- ❖ **Education (face to face) will be normal with minimal accommodations**
- ❖ **Face Masks- Not required**
- ❖ **Home health checks (sheet provided)**

FOCUS POINTS: Parents

- ❖ **Do Not send kids to school sick**
- ❖ **Do Not mask fever with medication and send to school**

PHASE II (Isolated Cases in Building)

- ❖ **Department of Health will contact Superintendent on any cases within the district and assess.**
- ❖ **Notification will be sent out to families of COVID case but will follow HIPAA.**
- ❖ **24 Hour Cleaning Protocol- Work with Department of Health (DOH) and determine levels of exposure within our buildings.**
- ❖ **School can remain in session if deemed safe from DOH. This will be determined by exposure levels.**
- ❖ **Remote Learning- If deemed necessary by Administration and DOH for the specific # of number of days recommended.**

PHASE III (Substantial Cases in Building)

- ❖ **DOH will work with district to create action plan**
- ❖ **School will implement remote learning for 10-14 days or until DOH directs school to return**

I want to thank everyone for their patience and encouraging words over the last few months. The support is greatly appreciated, and it is of utmost importance we stick together as one unit moving forward. No plan will be perfect, but we will adapt and adjust together to make it work. Thanks again and best wishes!

If you have any questions, please review our Re-Start Plan on our school website or give me a quick call or email when time allows.

With Rancher Pride,

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Josh Page
Superintendent