

AGENDA

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 23, 2020
6:00 p.m. District Cafeteria

1. **Call to order- Flag Salute**

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2. **Public Input:**

In order to ensure that Members of the public are provided a meaningful opportunity to address the board on agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction, agenda items may be addressed either at the public input portion of the agenda, or at the time the matter is taken up by the board. Board presentations are limited to 3 minutes per person and 15 minutes per topic.

2.1 Community Relations/Citizen Comments

2.2 Reports by Employee Units CTA/CSEA

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE: Action items:**

3.1 Consider and Approve Tipton Elementary School District Resolution 2020-2021-01 a Resolution to Approve the District's Reopening Plan, Reopen Schools, and Delegate Emergency Authority During the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic

4. **Adjournment**

The Board upon discussion and a vote of agreement, the Board may make any item an action item.

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Agenda Posted: Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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3.1 Consider and Approve Tipton Elementary School District Resolution 2020-2021-01 a Resolution to Approve the District's Reopening Plan, Reopen Schools, and Delegate Emergency Authority During the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Pandemic

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
TIPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE) Resolution No. 2020-2021-1
THE DISTRICT’S REOPENING PLAN,)
REOPEN SCHOOLS, AND DELEGATE)
EMERGENCY AUTHORITY DURING)
THE CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19)
PANDEMIC)

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-26-20. The Order provides that, if schools close to address COVID-19, the District will continue to receive state funding to support the District’s programs and services specified in the Executive Order, including, but not limited to, providing distance learning or independent study to impacted students and to pay District employees.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 throughout California, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statewide stay-at-home order to preserve the public health and safety.

WHEREAS, both California and the United States remain in a current state of emergency resulting from the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 28 of the California Constitution declares that “[a]ll students and staff of public, primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high school ... have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful.”

WHEREAS, California Education Code section 35161 permits the Board to delegate to an officer or employee of the District any of the Board’s powers and duties, and the Board desires to delegate to the District Superintendent/designees certain powers and duties to address changing needs related to reopening schools after the emergency closure and during the COVID-19 Pandemic state of emergency.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the District’s Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 2019-2020-10, declaring the existence of an ongoing public health emergency within the

District arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and delegated authority to the Superintendent to take all appropriate response actions, resulting in the closures of school.

WHEREAS, the District's school closed as part of a significant effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 and the District began a distance learning program to ensure that students would be able to continue their education during this crisis.

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the District's Board of Trustees acted to extend the current school closure under further notice.

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2020, the California Department of Public Health, issued the "COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year", which includes in-person re-opening criteria. According to this criteria, schools and school districts may reopen for in-person instruction at any time if they are located in a local health jurisdiction that has not been on the county monitoring list within the prior 14 days. If the local health jurisdiction has been on the monitoring list within the last 14 days, the school must conduct distance learning **only** until their local health jurisdiction has been off the monitoring list for at least 14 days, unless a waiver is submitted to allow for in-person instruction at an elementary school and is granted by a local health officer.

WHEREAS, the District continued food service operations throughout the duration of this emergency and the District is committed to ensuring that students have access to meals regardless of the status of in-person instruction.

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that schools are fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being and provide students with academic instruction, social and emotional skills, reliable nutrition, physical and mental health therapy, and opportunities for physical activity, among other benefits. These benefits are described by the American Academy of Pediatrics and are widely accepted and recognized.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that the nature of the COVID-19 emergency is ever-changing and that immediate response to issues is of paramount importance to ensure the safety and well-being of students, their families and District employees.

WHEREAS, the District Administration has developed and presented to the Board a reopening plan that will guide the District's efforts to reopen its school in a constantly changing environment with an emphasis on student and employee safety, while endeavoring to provide a high quality educational program with multiple educational models.

WHEREAS, the District sought employee, public, and expert input in developing this plan, including engaging with its certificated and classified labor partners.

WHEREAS, the District took into consideration local, State and Federal laws, State and local public health guidance, California Department of Education guidance, new and developing laws and regulations, among other relevant information.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees remains committed to a safe learning environment for students and staff and high instructional outcomes for our students.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Superintendent/designee have the tools to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and families and to ensure student learning continues as health conditions and health risks change.

WHEREAS, Board Policy 3516.5 authorizes the Superintendent to close a school site, change the regular school day schedule, or take any necessary action when emergencies warrant. Board Policies 0450 and 3516 also provide the Superintendent with direction on the creation of the District's comprehensive safety plan and the District's emergencies and disaster preparedness plan, which provide reasonable steps to prevent and/or mitigate the impact of an emergency on District students, staff, and schools. Board Policy 2210 authorizes the Superintendent to take action when the resolution of an issue requires timely action that involves questions regarding the day-to-day operations of the school that are not addressed in Board policy or administrative regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees hereby declares that the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency is continuing and ongoing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees is committed to continuing to work collaboratively with our labor partners throughout this challenging time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees expects that District administration will continue to review guidance from State and local public health officials, monitor the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on our school and District operations, coordinate with the County Public Health Director, and take all reasonable steps needed to follow state and local public health directives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts and approves the District's reopening plan and authorizes the reopening of school for the 2020-2021 school year consistent with the reopening plan and implementation of the reopening plan as presented and attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the Superintendent/designee authority to take all necessary and appropriate action to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, including but not limited to, any action:

- A. To ensure and protect the welfare, safety and educational well-being of all students and employees;
- B. To use any instructional model or combination of models contained in the District's reopening plan as needed and as conditions change;
- C. To close, cancel, or modify activities, programs, or courses on a case-by-case basis including, by classroom, grade level, area of a school site, by school site or program, or on a district wide basis;
- D. To reopen classes/school/programs after closure in a manner consistent with public health directives and the District's Reopening Plan;

- E. To modify the reopening plan, as necessary, based on state and local public health directives, with notice provided to the Board President, as soon as practicable; and,
- F. To protect District property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Superintendent is expected to provide regular updates to the Board and consult with the Board President on immediate key decisions and any revisions to the reopening plan approved and implemented by the Superintendent shall be reviewed and ratified by the Board at the succeeding Board meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that all or any portion of this Resolution or the District’s reopening plan may be altered or deleted by formal board action, if necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that should any portion of this Resolution be held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this Resolution is an emergency measure within the mandate and jurisdiction of the Board and is necessary for the immediate welfare of the school and its students. Therefore, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed by formal Board action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Tipton Elementary School District at a public meeting duly called and held on July 23, 2020.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

I, Greg Rice, Board President of the Board of Trustees of the Tipton Elementary School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at a duly called and conducted meeting held on July 23, 2020.

Greg Rice,
 President, Board of Trustees
 Tipton Elementary School District

Reopening Plan 2020-2021

Tipton Elementary School

Stacey Bettencourt, Superintendent
Dr. Cherie Solian, Principal

Update

On July 17, 2020, Governor Newsom unveiled details about the revised guidance for opening schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidelines require a county to meet specific criteria in order for schools to open for in-person instruction. If the county does not meet the criteria, school districts must provide rigorous instruction through distance learning. Tulare County currently does not meet the criteria to open its schools to on campus instruction. We have spent a lot of time planning so that we could provide options for parents that included on campus instruction through a blended model as well as distance learning for those who prefer for students to stay home during this time. TESD's reopening plan will be done in phases, based on the CDPH framework.

Requirements for school reopen:

- ★ County must be off of the state monitoring list for 14 days
- ★ Masks are required for students 3rd grade and up
- ★ Physical distancing, symptoms checks, and sanitation
- ★ Regular testing for staff, contact tracing
- ★ Distance learning: full access for all students

TESD will start with full distance learning until we have met the guidelines to reopen with students on campus. Once the district reopens to in-person instruction, but the county is later placed on the monitoring list, the school is not required to close. TESD will need to test staff or increase the frequency of staff testing during this time.

The following plan was made to safely accommodate as many students as possible while following all the recommended guidelines for safety.

Safety

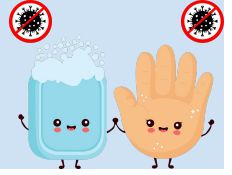
- ★ Students and staff will do a self check daily before coming to school.
- ★ Do not come to school if you are feeling any symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Fever (100.4 or higher) or chills, must be fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication
 - Headache, cough, congestion or runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea, vomiting or Diarrhea
- ★ Call the school office to let them know your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and you will be given further instructions on when it is appropriate to return to school.
- ★ Student's temperature will be taken upon arrival.
- ★ If students or staff have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, they will be sent home.
- ★ Education and training will be given to staff regarding signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- ★ Online resources are available on our website for parents.



Safety

- ★ Decreased class sizes to meet the needs of 6 ft social distancing.
- ★ Eliminate “extra” furniture to create space.
- ★ Stagger recess and lunch schedules.
- ★ Maintain 6 ft distance during meal times.
- ★ Limit the number of students on sections of the playground.
- ★ Monitor student health throughout the day and contact parents immediately when necessary.
- ★ Reduce the number of students on the bus.
- ★ Increase opportunities to wash hands.

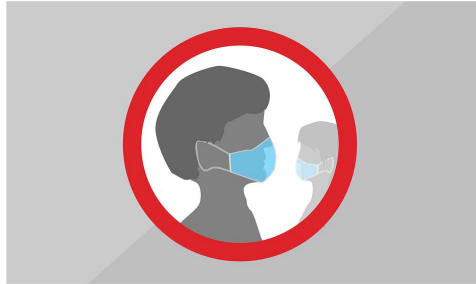
Safety



- ★ Hand sanitizers in all rooms and portable hand sanitizers located at main gates for use prior to entering campus. Bus drivers will provide hand sanitizer for students boarding the bus.
- ★ Wear facial coverings when at recess and anytime social distancing may not be able to occur and while riding the bus.
- ★ Increased cleaning throughout the day with deep cleaning on Wednesdays between cohorts of students.
- ★ Disinfecting Foggers will be used daily.
- ★ Limit all visitors on campus.
- ★ Encourage all students and staff to stay home when sick.
- ★ Parents must inform the school administrators if someone in their home has traveled abroad in the last 14 days, had close contact with a confirmed case, or been diagnosed with COVID-19. Students must be kept at home in all these situations.

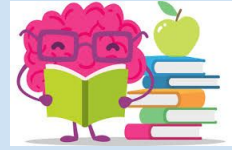
Safety

- ★ TESD will follow directives from the Tulare County Health Department's recommendation for the number of days to close the school.
- ★ CDC deep cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be followed.
- ★ Some students and some staff may be required to quarantine for a specified number of days.
- ★ Teachers and students may need to transition to distance learning 5 days per week.
- ★ Families will be notified of the current situation and given expectations for students. TESD will keep continual communication as the situation changes or the school moves towards reopening safely.



Staff and Student Safety

Teaching and Learning



In order to safely accommodate as many students as possible, students will attend a *blended model schedule*, a group of students attend school two days per week and then work from home on the other 3 days.

- ★ **Group A Schedule:** Students attend school on Mondays/Tuesdays with distance learning on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Bus riders will follow Group A Schedule.
- ★ **Group B Schedule:** Students attend school on Thursdays/ Fridays with distance learning on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Should there be a need (due to parent choice, illness, medically fragile doctor note, etc.) students will be allowed to participate via Distance Learning.

Distance learning will be an option available to families. A Distance Learning Consent Form must be completed. Parents should expect to work with their child 3-4 hours daily in this scenario.

Teaching and Learning

- ★ Parents will submit their choice of instructional model for their students
- ★ After submissions are considered, parents will receive a letter that indicates which schedule their student will follow
- ★ Siblings will be on the same schedule
- ★ Schedules will be made with the following in mind:
 - Health and Safety of Students and Staff
 - Bussing
 - Social distancing
 - Combo Classes
 - Food service



Teaching and Learning

- ★ Computer Devices will be provided for all TESD students and hotspots for those who do not have internet access.
- ★ Students will be expected to complete all assigned work. Schoolwork and progress will be monitored closely to determine grades and attendance. Students will log into devices daily using clever badges. Students must log on each day so that teachers can take attendance.

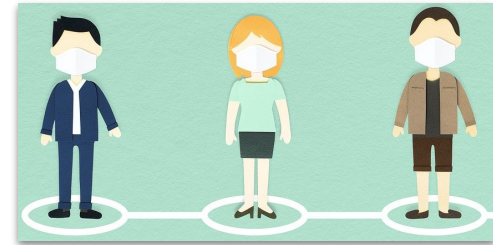
Teaching and Learning

- ★ Teachers will engage with students via technology 3 days per week.
- ★ Daily live interaction for teachers and peers will be supported via the Google Suite Platform(e.g. Google Doc, Google Meet, etc.) and/or other district approved platforms.
- ★ Reoccurring office hours for parents and students will be established on Wednesdays.
- ★ Frequent, but brief, formative assessments will be used to provide instruction, collaborative work, video and audio clips, hands -on activities and individual work time.
- ★ Teachers will focus on the most essential standards to deepen the understanding of fewer standards but to make the biggest impact on student learning, giving the limited time that students can be on campus.



Teaching and Learning

- ★ Students will attend school on site from 8:10 a.m. - 1:20 p.m., two days per week. All students will engage in distance learning every other day of the week.
- ★ Tk-Kindergarten dismissal time is 12:45 p.m.
- ★ Student desks 6 ft apart.
- ★ Limit sharing materials.
- ★ Tk-5th grade students stay with their classroom all day to minimize contact with other people except for recess and lunch.
- ★ 6th - 8th grade students attend their classes - Keeping safety measures
 - Social distancing
 - Face coverings
 - Staff monitoring hallways
 - Cleaning desks between classes



School Site

- ★ Classrooms cleaned and disinfected as often as possible. Deep cleaning will occur on Wednesdays.
- ★ Approximately 9 -13 students will receive instruction in a classroom at any given time.

School Site



- ★ Students will be taught how to social distance while walking to and from lunch.
- ★ Students will have staggered lunch times.
- ★ Students will wash or sanitize hands on the way in and out of the multipurpose room.
- ★ Students will be seated at least 6 ft apart from one another.
- ★ Students will have grab and go lunches or individually packaged items for the lunch menu.
- ★ Students will not be allowed to share food items.
- ★ Cafeteria staff and supervision staff will wear cloth face coverings/face shields while serving and supervising students.
- ★ Lunch drive through will be available two times per week for students who are off campus due to distance learning.

School Site



Ongoing reminders and good hygiene across the school campus

- ★ Time built into master schedule for hand washing and sanitizing
- ★ Instructional videos on handwashing and social distancing



Communication with Families

- ★ No volunteers and limited visitors on campus. All visitors will be required to wear a face mask
- ★ Call or email instead of coming to campus
- ★ Website, Facebook, teleparent



Everybody Together

- ★ Face masks
- ★ Washing hands
- ★ Social Distance
- ★ Cover coughs and sneezes
- ★ Stay home if you are sick

School Site



- ★ TESD is working closely with Tulare County Health officials, Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE). As conditions change, students and families will be informed. Below are current guidelines:
- ★ Until further notice, no contact sports allowed
- ★ No sharing of equipment
- ★ ASES will continue to operate and will follow the same safety and social distancing guidelines as during the school day. Space will be limited due to the social distancing guidelines.
- ★ Only students participating in ASES will be allowed to remain on campus after school.
- ★ Bus transportation will not be available for those participating in ASES.
- ★ Scicon and other TCOE-sponsored educational activities are currently suspended.
- ★ Field trips are currently suspended.
- ★ Assemblies, performances and other large group gatherings are currently suspended.



School Site

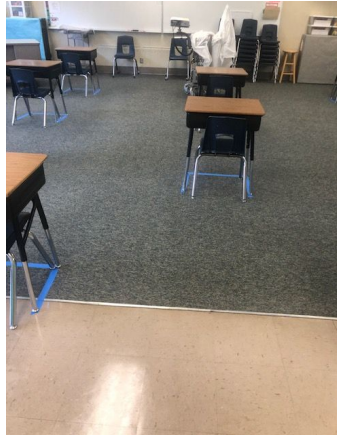
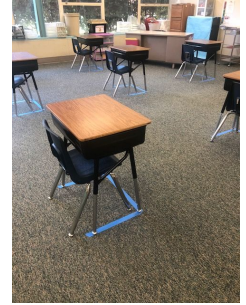
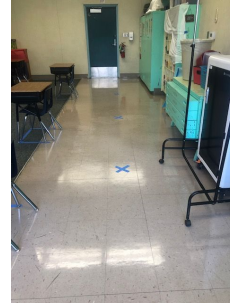
- ★ Tipton Elementary School District leaders keep informed of the most current guidelines for limiting the spread of COVID-19.
- ★ TESD will continue to follow the Tulare County Health Department and Center for Disease Control guidelines.
- ★ TESD will continue to communicate with families regarding any changes or updated information.



School Site

- ★ Parent training for use of technology will be offered.
- ★ Parent meeting for transportation will be offered.
- ★ Parent training for instructional support at home will be offered.

Classrooms



Transportation



- ★ Students will be taught how to social distance while waiting for the bus to arrive.
- ★ Bus Driver's will take their temperatures prior starting routes.
- ★ Parents will be asked if possible to wait with their child at the bus stop incase the child is sick and cannot board.
- ★ Student temperatures will be checked. Students with a temperature higher than 100.4 or other COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to get on the bus. If a parent is not present the student will sit in a designated area on the bus and will be taken to the office upon arrival to the school. Parents will be contacted.
- ★ Students will use hand sanitizer while boarding the bus.
- ★ Students will have individual assigned seating with 6ft social distancing, unless more than one student shares the same address.

Transportation



- ★ Students will be seated from the back to the front of the bus to avoid unnecessary exposure.
- ★ Upon arrival, the students will exit the bus from the front to the rear.
- ★ Students will wear cloth face coverings on the bus.
- ★ Bus drivers will wear cloth face coverings and/or face guards while on the bus.
- ★ Buses will be disinfected between routes.
- ★ Multiple bus schedules have been added to accommodate the health department guidelines for transportation.

Health

- ★ Students will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering and when leaving a classroom
- ★ A training on handwashing will take place
- ★ Students should bring a water bottle to school. Water stations will be out to refill water bottles. Sinks in the classroom maybe used as well to refill water bottles.
- ★ Drinking fountains will not be used



Health



- ★ Monitor your child's health daily
 - If your child has a temperature of 100.4 F or higher, the child must stay home. They must be free of a temperature for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
 - If your child is experiencing flu-like symptoms, your child must stay home.
 - Communicate with the school if you have questions and visit our website frequently
- ★ When TESD calls parents to explain that their child is sick, parents must pick up their child immediately to prevent others from getting sick
- ★ If your child must self isolate, contact the school site so that we can provide opportunities for distance learning if the child is capable of doing the work.

Health

- ★ Students not feeling well and unable to attend school, must notify the attendance clerk and are encouraged to share if they believe this is due to COVID-19 symptoms.
- ★ When a student has 2 or more unexcused absences the school will make contact and provide education about attendance.
- ★ The 3rd unexcused absence will begin a process where the school principal will communicate with the family.
- ★ When students are disengaged with in-class or distance learning for 3 or more days a tiered system re-engagement plan, will be put in place.
- ★ The safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance.
- ★ During the Covid-19 era, our plans are fluid and can change due to information provided by the local/state health department and our state department of education.

Health

What will happen when a student or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19 while at school?

- ★ The individual will be sent to the office to be evaluated by a trained staff member.
- ★ The individual will be required to wear a face covering unless the symptoms or illness requires an exception.
- ★ The student will be held in an area with other symptomatic individuals until someone on their contact list comes to take them home. It is critical that contact information is verified and that parents/guardians check communications from the school in a timely manner.
- ★ Symptomatic individuals will be asked to stay home until all the following criteria has been met:
 - it has been at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms
 - symptoms are improving
 - has been fever free for 3 days
- ★ The above timeline for staying home will shorten if the individual is tested after the symptoms start and receives a negative test result.
- ★ One of our strongest defenses for slowing the spread of the virus in our schools is staying home if you are sick.

Health

What will happen when a student or staff member has a close contact that tests positive for COVID-19?

- ★ A close contact is someone who lives in the same home, someone you had direct contact with secretions (like being coughed on), or someone you were within 6 feet of for more than 15 minutes.
- ★ The individual will need to stay home for 14 days since the last time they were with that close contact. -Notify the school so you can be given further instructions on when it is appropriate for you to return.

Health

What will happen when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

- ★ The individual should follow all guidance from the Tulare County Public Health Director(TCPHD). The individual may return to school when they have submitted clearance from their healthcare provider or the TCPHD and it has been at least 10 days since tested.
- ★ Any close contacts of the individual (like siblings) should follow the above close contact guidance for quarantining.
- ★ TESD will immediately consult with TCPHD to determine who else on campus needs to quarantine. This may be the class, the whole grade level or grade level group, or the whole school.
- ★ Parents/guardians at that school site will be notified immediately when there is a student who tests positive for COVID-19 and whether or not they are advised to quarantine their child or continue to attend due to lack of contact.
- ★ Please note that confidentiality policies restrict the amount of details that can be shared. The communication parents/guardians will receive is the full extent of what we are allowed to share with you. It is critical that contact information is verified and that parents/guardians check communications from the school in a timely manner.

Health

- ★ TESD will continue to send teleparent phone calls to communicate with families.
- ★ Information will be posted via the Tipton Elementary School website.
- ★ Information will be posted via the Tipton Elementary School Facebook page.

Health

When should In-Person Learning Close?

- ★ Schools should consult with a public health official first
- ★ A classroom cohort goes home when there is a confirmed case
- ★ A school goes home when multiple cohorts have cases of more than 5% of school is positive

School Calendar



The first day of school is Wednesday, August 12, 2020

★ Students on Schedule A:

First Day of school is Wednesday, August 12, 2020 with distance learning on Thursday and Friday

★ Students on Schedule B:

First Day of school is on Thursday, August 13, 2020 with distance learning on Friday

Final thoughts...

While we strive to keep everyone healthy, we must acknowledge that we can never guarantee the health of all or that an individual will not come in contact with or come down with COVID-19 or any other illness.

It is important to note that these recommendations reflect the evidence available at the present time and may evolve as new evidence emerges and as information is gathered from other jurisdictions that have opened schools already. The Board of Trustees expects that District administration will continue to review guidance from State and local public health officials, monitor the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on our school and District operations, coordinate with the County Public Health Director, and take all reasonable steps needed to follow state and local public health directives.

We look forward to the time when the restrictions have been lifted and we can safely bring all of our students back everyday.