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BELLEVUE COMETS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Changes for the 2020-2021 School Year (subject to change)

Multiple changes are being made at this time within the Bellevue Community School District building and overall facilities. Some specific areas of change in procedures within our buildings are the following:

- Handwashing - While hand washing has always been promoted, this practice will be emphasized more in the district for the 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, the proper techniques for handwashing, using hand sanitizer, covering a cough/sneeze, etc. will also be covered extensively for all students.
- Hand Sanitizer - When school begins hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances, in all classrooms, in food service areas, in hallways, locker rooms, and similar areas.
 - Mobile Hand Sanitizer stations will also be located at entrances for activities and events (gym area, football field, concession stands, etc.)
- Protective Shields - "Glass Protective Guards" will be placed in school offices and serving lines for breakfast and lunch.
- Cleaning - Cleaning procedures will be enhanced during the school year, and an Electrostatic Cleaning machine has been purchased to increase the cleaning effectiveness in classrooms, buses, hallways, playground equipment, and other areas.
- Water Fountains - It is possible that water fountains where students drink from the same source will be turned off. This would mean that students would need to bring their own water bottle (water only), and this could be filled at specific water sources at school that easily allow for bottles to be filled with water.
- Face Coverings (Face Mask, Face Shields, Neck Gaiters, etc) - At this time there is not a requirement to wear face coverings or face shields by students, although they are **strongly encouraged** by the district. **Staff members at the Bellevue CSD are required** to wear face coverings when they are within 6-foot of students and other people. This approach could change in the future, but at this time, we are following the most recent guidance of the Iowa Department of Education. Specific areas where guidance may change include times and areas where more people are present at a certain time making social distancing difficult to achieve, specifically in hallways, lines for lunch and other activities, and on school buses. Additionally, anyone will be allowed to wear face coverings at any time in classrooms and other areas.
- Social Distancing - The district will be adjusting several routines and classrooms in accordance with specific social distancing requirements to meet recommendations from the Iowa Department of Public Health and other organizations. The Bellevue CSD cannot guarantee that social distancing can be met in all school settings throughout the school day, during school activities, or with transportation. This is similar to when children congregate in their communities on a regular basis, but we are working to provide the safest routines and environments for our students at all times. Signs will be posted in our buildings and grounds to stop the spread of illness, encourage social distancing, proper personal care (washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, etc), and similar steps advocated for by the CDC and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Additionally, the following steps are being taken in regard to district procedures and regulations, with these being evaluated every two weeks or more often:

- Transportation - The district will be adjusting busing routines and procedures as much as possible based on recommendations from the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Department of Education, and similar organizations. This may mean more bus routes, students not sitting with each other (or having siblings sitting with each other), masks worn by bus drivers or students, and similar steps recommended or required by governing bodies.
- Visitors - The buildings will not be allowing visitors, guest speakers, or volunteers in the schools at the start of the school year. Parents will meet their students in front of the buildings, and parents will need to contact the office prior to entering the school via a phone call or email in most cases. We feel we need to do as much as we can to limit who has access to our buildings.
- Field Trips - The district will not be going on field trips outside of our buildings at this time. This is part of the district attempting to control the environment our students and staff are in as much as possible.

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