Dear Parents/Guardians:

We will be distributing meals on Monday, August 24, 2020 for Monday and Tuesday and then we will begin our face to face learning (school will start with students returning to the building) on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

You may choose to continue with distance learning for your child, but you will need to let the school know your intention by Tuesday, August 25, 2020. You also need to know that we will no longer be delivering meals so if you would like to continue receiving a meal you will need to let the school know by 9 am and you will need to pick it up by 12:15pm each day that we have school according to our school calendar.

If students and families in grades (k-12) have chosen distance learning during a time when the option of face-to-face learning is occurring, all School District policies, expectations, and academic requirements continue to apply. Any students choosing the distance learning option must participate in daily class and homework expectations as laid out in the District’s distance learning plan and in the teacher’s distance learning classroom expectations. The same District tardy and absentee policies and expectations will apply if a student misses a day of distance learning, fails to participate, and/or fails to submit assignments. A student participating in distance learning will be assessed, graded, and counted as present/absent each day under the same District policies that are in place for in-person instruction, as guided by the District’s distance learning plan.

Families who are planning to send their children to school for face to face learning will need to remember that we would like you to screen your children each morning before sending them to school by going through the following checklist:

**Parents are asked to review this daily health checklist by answering these questions before sending their child to school. (Parents do not need to send the questionnaire to school)**

Has your child had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
Yes____ No____

Does your child have a new or worsening shortness of breath?
Yes____ No____

Does your child have new or worsening cough?
Yes____ No____
Does your child have a fever of 100.4 or greater without the use of fever reducing medicines?
Yes____ No____

Does your child have chills?
Yes____ No____

Does your child have a sore throat?
Yes____ No____

Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?
Yes____ No____

If you are able to answer **NO** to all questions, go to school.

**Here are some reminders about what will happen on the bus:**

**Transportation**

- **Routes** – The school district will offer three bus routes per day (Fort Yates route, Porcupine route, and Town route). Students can still be dropped off at their school building.

- **Safety & Health** - Before entering the bus, a student’s temperature will be checked by the bus driver. A student with a temperature above 100.4 F (without the use of fever reducing medications) will not be permitted, nor any members of their household due to close contact guidelines. Students will sit one to a seat or with other students from their household. Students will be required to wear face masks. Staff members on the bus are required to wear a face mask. Busses will be sanitized after each bus run (morning and afternoon) by the bus drivers. There will be no food or drinks permitted on the bus.

If you would like to see complete copies of both our distance learning plan and our Health & Safety Restart plan you can find them on the school website.

Thank you for all your help and consideration and trusting us with your children during these challenging times. I would also like to thank the staff for their willingness to serve our students during a pandemic. I truly appreciate being able to work with all of you. We are all in this together and would like to keep everyone safe and healthy during this challenging time. If you have any questions please call the school and ask for Kari Wilson, Principal or Kristi Miller, Superintendent.

Thank you.

With warmest regards,

Kristi Miller
Superintendent