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Update to Parents/Families of Children Attending PBOE Schools and Bussing

Scenario #2 – In-School Classes Partially Resume (With Additional Health Measures)

School Calendar

School Administration Start Date: August 17-21, 2020

Staff Operational Start Date: Monday, August 24 – 28/August 31 – Sept 4, 2020
(4 days' orientation/6 days classroom set up)

Student Cohorts: Two cohorts (Cohort A & Cohort B).

One week in-school learning; one week at-home learning. This provides teachers and students with prolonged instructional time and ability to prep students for At-Home Learning packages for the week. This is conducive for following health and safety guidelines for CoVid19 response.

Student Start Date:

Cohort A: Tuesday, September 8 (Monday to Friday/Full week)

Cohort B: Monday, September 14 (Monday to Friday/Full week)

Monday, September 7, 2020: Labor Day Holiday– No School

Tuesday, September 8, 2020: Partial re-opening of school

School Bell Schedule – Start Time: Start time 9.00am (to accommodate bus drop off; students move directly to homeroom; no hallway interaction). See Transportation section below.

School Bell Schedule – End time: End time 3.30pm

To accommodate bus pick up; students will remain in classroom doing homework or advisory until their Bus# and driver name is called then they can move into hallway and outside to bus. This requires that all teachers will know the Bus# and driver name for each student. Designated staff will be in hallway to monitor and assist students.

Wednesday Early Dismissal: Cancelled - Teachers and students encouraged to work towards increasing instructional time.

Friday Early Dismissal: Student dismissal time is 1.10pm for students. Teachers will have all meetings on Fridays.

K4 Classes: Start date Tuesday, September 21 (9am – 1.10pm)

K5 Classes: Start date Tuesday, September 8 (9 am – 3.30pm) Start date will be the same as Grades 1-12. Students will be attending full days and will ride big busses.

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Transportation (School Drop off/Pickup)

Bus Drop Off: Busses will drop off students starting at 8.30am Busses will arrive at 5 minute intervals for drop off. Busses will wait in line to drop off students. Designated staff will be outside to monitor and assist students.

Bus Pick Up: Busses will arrive by 3.00pm; one Bus# and driver name will be called at a time for student pick up. Busses will arrive at 5 minute intervals for pick up. Busses will wait in line to pick up students Designated staff will be outside to monitor and assist students.

Back Packs/Bags: In order to limit transmission of virus from school to bus to home, students will not be allowed to bring backpacks or bags onto bus (or into school). Small purses will be allowed.

Student Fit for School Screening (Home)

Parents and families are integral to student re-entry into schools by supporting at-home CoVid19 screening. Prior to school start date, parents will have available to them CoVid19 routine screening questions prior to getting on the bus (see appendix). Screening questions for families will also be available on PBOE webpage and Facebook. ***This includes symptoms of even a mild cold.***

PBOE will remind parents at all possible times, that if their child(ren) have CoVid19 symptoms (this includes symptoms of even a mild cold), to keep them at home and contact the school. PBOE staff will ensure that their child will have at-home learning support for school instruction. ***This includes symptoms of even a mild cold.***

Student Fit for School Screening (School) and Health Protocols for Sick Children

Upon entering school, students will physical distance on markers, have temperature taken, and hand sanitize at entryway.

If routine screening is passed, students will be directed to classroom.

If routine screening is not passed or student is exhibiting any symptoms, the student will be immediately isolated in designated room and parents will be contacted for immediate pick up of child. Parent will be asked to follow AHS guide for CoVid19 testing. Student will not be allowed to return to school until cleared by AHS (alternate for Piikani Nation - Aakommkiiyii Health Services).

If parent is unable to pick up child, school will make transportation arrangements for child to be brought home.

Schools must ensure that records of students with pre-existing conditions are available for review by Principal and Homeroom Teacher.

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Entering Classrooms

Students will be directed to their desk to await instruction by Homeroom Teacher.

Students will be instructed on proper handwashing etiquette and personal water bottle cleaning techniques.

Student bins with student materials will be located underneath or near student's desk (pencils, books, notebooks, etc.). Bins will be labeled with sign:

THIS BELONGS TO: *Student Name*.
STAY SAFE AND DO NOT TOUCH!

Water bottles will be provided by PBOE for student use at school. Water bottles will be labeled and cleaned on a daily basis.

Instructional Time

Teachers will use majority of instructional time for core classes (language arts, mathematics, social studies, science outcomes). Teachers will research and highlight only essential outcomes in core classes. Alberta Education will recommend grade appropriate guidelines for instruction time.

Teachers will instruct student on safety measures and hygienic practises to ensure that CoVid19 transmission does not occur.

Teachers will focus on the mental health and wellbeing of students when challenged with CoVid19 pandemic responses (i.e. self isolating, absence from school, distancing from family and friends).

Students will not be moving class to class; teachers will move materials and equipment as needed from class to class. Teachers will ensure in-class breaks to accommodate students' being in one physical space for majority of day.

At-Home Learning (AHL) Request

Parent MUST meet with school staff to register their child(ren) for this option. The requirements for this has changed and requires enhanced parental instruction and return of at-home learning packages for assessment.

Parents who have requested a continuation of at-home learning will be supported through AHL packages. Teachers will develop packages for two weeks of instruction in core subjects. Additional instruction in student mental health and wellbeing will be included. Schools will develop pick up/drop off procedures for AHL packages (including online instruction).

Parents requesting AHL will be required to have their child(ren) remain with this option for the duration of one calendar month. Parents will not be allowed to move child(ren) in/out of programs for health and safety reasons. Parents must request in writing (by text, email, or by letter) as soon as possible to Schools Principals.

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Assemblies

Online/streaming for Monday mornings, with Elders, or for celebrations.

Intra-curricular Classes

Blackfoot Language & Culture: Blackfoot classrooms are closed until further notice. Blackfoot instructors will go to classroom with materials and supplies necessary for teaching that class only. New materials and supplies will be needed for each class. No sharing of materials and equipment.

Phys. Ed.: Gym will be closed until further notice; this decision will remain in effect until October 1, 2020. Teachers can bring students outside for phys.ed. classes on a staggered time schedule. No sharing of equipment at this time. In future, students will be required to have their own materials (prepackaged for individual use). Students will be required mask/glove usage if air ventilation requires heightened precautions (i.e. physical exertion).

Library: Teachers will submit topics/themes to librarian who will collect books for classroom use. Books will be distributed by teachers for individual student use/placed in bins. No sharing of books. Books collected by librarian will be disinfected and set aside for one week; no reuse during this time. There will be no classroom libraries in use until further notice.

Art: Students are required to have their own materials. No sharing materials (i.e. paint brushes, etc).

Music/Drumming: Music (i.e. drumming/singing) will be postponed until October 1, 2020; music appreciation is encouraged.

CTS/CTF: Classes will be cancelled until further notice; this decision will remain in effect until October 1, 2020. In future, students will be required to have their own materials (prepackaged for individual use). Students will be required mask/glove usage if air ventilation requires heightened precautions (i.e. physical exertion, tools requiring movement such as power tools, hammers, saw, etc.)

Work Experience: Will be postponed until October 1, 2020; review of activity will occur on this date.

Recess/Breaks

Teachers will have staggered recess/break times. Physical distancing guidelines apply at all times. Re-entry to school and classrooms requires proper hand sanitizing.

Breakfast/Lunch

Students will be eating all meals in homerooms. Students will clean desks using proper cleaning products provided by school.

Until further notice, all meals will be individually packaged in paper bags (lunch) or plastic baggies (breakfast) for ease of handling. To discourage use of utensils, there will be not hot

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meals served. Food cannot be shared; leftover food will be discarded (in order to limit transmission of virus from school to bus to home).

Students are not allowed to pickup or distribute food. Teachers and/or EA's will be designated this task.

Water bottles should be washed on a daily basis (i.e. end of school day). Students will be allowed to refill water bottles from designated water fountains or faucets (adhering to frequent cleaning guidelines).

Fields Trips

All field trips (extra/intra-curricular) are cancelled until further noticed.

Learning Support

Students Requiring Specialized Support: PBOE Schools will be prepared for participation of students who required specialized supports and services. School Principals and Learning Support Teachers will determine what specialized support will be required prior to school start date and convey the learning plan and supports to parents. **Parents are encouraged to meet with School Principals regarding educational services.**

Learning Assessment Room: Teachers will submit material needs to designated staff member (i.e. LST) who will gather materials for teacher/student use. No sharing of materials. Materials will be collected by designate and will be disinfected and set aside for one week; no reuse during this time.

Speech Language: SLA will continue with program ensuring that safety guidelines are being adhered to. Students will hand sanitize upon entering/exiting classroom. SL/SLA will use personal protective equipment (mask/face shield) and desk shield when interacting with students.

OT/PT: OTA will continue with program ensuring that safety guidelines are being adhered to including wearing personal protective equipment (mask/face shield and gloves) at all times. Students will hand sanitize upon entering/exiting classroom.

Assessments: Contracted personnel will continue assessments ensuring that safety guidelines are being adhered to including wearing personal protective equipment (mask/face shield and gloves) at all times. Students will hand sanitize upon entering/exiting classroom.

IT Equipment: All IT equipment will be labeled with identifying name and number (i.e. NPES #15; PNSS #33). All IT equipment will be handled by Teacher or EA. If possible, students should be assigned one computer/laptop/tablet for individual use; student will use only the # assigned to them. If individual use is not possible, Teacher must ensure that equipment is properly sanitized at the end of class (or end of day) and stored in bin for future use.

Response to Intervention Meetings: Will occur on Friday after student dismissal (1 hr).

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End of Day:

Students will be dismissed from classroom by bus# and driver name following safe exiting directional markers. Designated staff will be outside to monitor and assist students.