

July 15, 2020

Dear Mapleton Family,

We sincerely hope that you and those you love are staying healthy during this exceptional time. Like many school districts around the country and across Colorado, we quickly shifted to remote learning last spring for the first time in our history. And we've learned so much! Communication and collaboration are more important than ever. This transition caused us to take a look at how we need to communicate virtually.

As we prepare to reopen our schools in August, we know that it is important that you hear our plans as we work to balance health risks with educational and social-emotional benefits of in-person instruction. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on **Thursday, August 27**. We will reopen to all grades, PreK-12, at all schools, for in-person, five-day-a-week instruction, while also offering you the option to enroll in our new K-12 online school, Mapleton Online. Enrollment is now open for all schools including Mapleton Online.

We are reopening with the goal of making our school buildings feel as welcoming, safe, and comfortable and as possible, while introducing on-site modifications to promote the health and wellness of our students and staff. To read more about the adjustments at our schools for August we invite you to review [Our Community's Roadmap to Reopening](#). Additional information including an FAQ is available on our website, [www.mapleton.us/Reopens](http://www.mapleton.us/Reopens).

You can also anticipate hearing directly from your school in early August, with more detailed information about how your child's day will be organized and what systems will be in place to minimize everyone's exposure to illness.

At this time, we need to hear from you. This letter confirms that your child is currently enrolled in Mapleton Public Schools for the 2020-21 school year.

If you would like to make any changes to your child's enrollment, or are interested in enrolling in our new K-12 online school, Mapleton Online, please contact our Welcome Center, 303.853.1780, or email [Welcome@mapleton.us](mailto:Welcome@mapleton.us). Visit our website to learn more about Mapleton Online, or our other small-by-design schools.

### **Additional information**

#### **Back-to-School Nights and Teacher Meet & Greets**

As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our families, students, and staff during these times of distant socializing, we are stepping well outside the box to identify creative modifications to our back-to-school night traditions. Please stay tuned! More information will be coming from your child's school later this month.

#### **School Supply List**

To keep our classrooms fun and healthy learning spaces, there will be no sharing or collection of school supplies. To that end, we anticipate slight modifications to our 2020-21 school supply list. We are working with our staff to ensure the modifications are both meaningful and practical. We anticipate having a school supply list for grades PreK-8 available soon. High school students will learn more about the supplies they will need on the first day of school.

### **Paw Pass, Bus Stop and Bus Route Information**

Transportation plays an integral role in Mapleton's choice system. To that end, we are exploring all opportunities and monitoring the latest precautions and guidance to continue to transport our students safely and effectively.

At this time, we are encouraging parents to self-transport their children to school, when possible.

When on a Mapleton school bus, staff and students will be required to wear a face covering. Hand sanitizer stations will be installed in schools' buses, and social distancing will be implemented where possible. Additional cleaning and decontamination of school buses will be implemented after each run.

Students will still be required to have a Paw Pass to ride the bus to and from school. Paw Pass, bus stop and bus route information will be available at the beginning of August, once we are able to match our processes with the latest precautions and guidance.

### **Additional questions:**

**Enrollment for in-person or online learning:** If you have questions about enrolling in a Mapleton school for in-person or online learning, please contact the Welcome Center, 303.853.1780.

**Reopening:** If you have questions about Mapleton's reopening plan, please email [communications@mapleton.us](mailto:communications@mapleton.us), or call 303.853.1000.

Thank you for your continued support of Mapleton Public Schools. We hope you have a fun and safe summer, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

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