

BOE School Opening Update

8/9/2021

- Instructional Delivery

- We gave the parents the choice of in person or virtual instruction. We were not able to determine the exact mode of instruction until we had a better idea of the number of parents requesting virtual instruction for their students. We are projecting the following numbers for virtual instruction in the fall based on current enrollment.

Grade	Virtual Enrollments	% Projected by Grade	Projected Students	Virtual Classes Needed
K	4	4%	21	1
1	2	3%	17	1
2	4	3%	19	1
3	8	6%	33	1
4	12	8%	44	2
5	12	5%	32	1
6	9	5%	29	Stride Learning Solutions
7	19	9%	54	Stride Learning Solutions
8	7	6%	38	Stride Learning Solutions
9	14	8%	65	Stride Learning Solutions
10	18	9%	64	Stride Learning Solutions
11	20	8%	67	Stride Learning Solutions
12	7	7%	52	Stride Learning Solutions

- We will need to create 7 additional classes at the elementary level.
- The elementary students will have a synchronous instructional delivery similar to what we provided for the 2020-2021 school year for virtual students.
- Secondary students will have an asynchronous experience for virtual classes through Stride Learning Solutions, formerly Fuel Ed. We do not have enough virtual students to allow us to teach these classes with our own staff. We will be able to offer almost all classes with the exception of performance classes such band and choir and classes at Herndon Career Center. Some electives may need to be changed to an elective offered by Stride Learning.
- Parents/guardians were informed of the learning delivery method for their student and were given the option to change their enrollment from virtual to in person if they so desired. We also contacted all parents/guardians with a student who is an English Language Learner, has a 504 or has an IEP to let them know the limitations of virtual learning for their student.

Food Service

Food Services has been finalizing school year preparations on several fronts. We are excited to reinstate regular meal services as well as returning to the district's offering of after school meals. State program agreements, vendor agreements, revised menus and product orders have been completed supporting these efforts. We have also worked to ensure the providing of meals for our 6th and 9th graders during their Aug 20th building orientations. Like our other departments, we have also been working to hire and train staff to support our students upon their return. We look forward to our students and staff getting back into our buildings and them being able to experience a sense of normal meal services once again.

South High Activities

Raytown South High School Coaches have done an exceptional job this summer providing high quality summer activities for our student-athletes while being creative with the construction that has been going on in and around the building. We are thankful for the updates & can't wait to see everything finished! There are students and coaches on campus daily working out, participating in an open field, or hosting a scrimmage on the new turf. Fall Sports officially begin August 9th, we host our annual Fall Sports Bingo & BBQ Fundraiser on August 13th, and our parent meeting will be August 14th.

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Our fall sports have all had camps over the summer to prepare for the upcoming season. I have met with all the fall coaches one-on-one, checked in on them at their camps/practices throughout the summer and am pleased with the organization and work put in thus far. Band Camp is this week, and I look forward to seeing their progress later this week. I met with the fall sports head coaches this past week to help them prepare for our fall sports parent meeting which we had last night. I have received positive feedback from parents in attendance and the coaches as well. I attended the MSHSAA/MIAAA Summer Conference in Columbia this week and have a meeting with all coaches and activity sponsors coming up on Wednesday to help prepare for the upcoming school year.

Wellness Center

Wellness Center has been involved with PTA and building Principals to help promote the Wellness Center and to host events for different schools mainly in the Pools. This will help bring in more staff to the Wellness Center but also Community members.

The Summer Swim Program just ended. We had 480 available slots and filled 403 (84%). Of those 403; 205 were paying swimmers (\$8260) and 198 were free swimmers from our incoming 2nd and 3rd graders.

Human Resources

Certified Staff: Approximately 102 certified staff members will be attending "New Teacher Training. We are still actively working to fill two certified teaching positions, a music teacher at Spring Valley and a reading teacher at Eastwood Hills. We are also looking for four virtual

elementary teachers. We have hired 32 floating subs to be permanently assigned to buildings this year. We are also in the process of recruiting and hiring additional traditional subs.

Classified Staff: We are in the process of filling IA, Before/After School, Food Service, Facility Operations and Transportation positions. We have made arrangements with contractors for 10-15 drivers and 10-15 cooks in the event that we cannot hire enough to start the school year. We just filled several custodian positions and are hopeful that we will fill the remaining openings.

Transportation

The Transportation Department is gearing up for the 2021 - 22 school year and the return of students by preparing in all areas. As an administrative team we are continuing to hire route drivers, we currently have a few openings left. Mechanics are currently completing the pre school year inspection as required by DESE. Routers are busy assigning students, updating directions and preparing routes. We will have our annual Start Up Meeting on August 16th and our Mock School Day for 6th and 9th graders on August 20th. We look forward to having students back on buses on August 23rd.

Technology

The technology team has been busy refreshing student devices and preparing classrooms for the start of the school year. We have touched over 12,000 student devices. We removed approximately 3,000 Chromebooks from the rotation and introduced 3,000 Chromebooks and 640 touchscreen Chromebooks. Technology team members are now busy setting up teacher classrooms with their technology, aka "Classroom Ready", so that we can ensure a good start to the year. The week prior to students arriving, we will be establishing classroom carts for elementary and prepping for devices to be assigned to secondary students. In addition, we are working to set up new rosters in all of the instructional software.

Payroll

The payroll department processed non-twelve month staff summer pay prior to June 30th. Additionally, the new Open Enrollment file was verified for accuracy and uploaded into SISFIN. Summer school pay for June and July summer school was processed as well as leave payouts. The board approved pay increase was calculated. Twelve month staff received that pay increase in July. Non-twelve month staff will realize that increase with their first pay in August or September. Lastly, the Payroll staff has assisted with the onboarding of new employees.

Facility Operations

Custodial - making sure classrooms/building are cleaned and prepared to welcome students and staff.

Maintenance- repairs and preventative maintenance on facilities to ensure they operate properly for the start of the year.

Bond Projects - All bond projects have met the substantial completion deadline. With the exception of a few items, all will be fully completed by the return of students.