



**GUNNISON
WATERSHED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Driven to Be the Difference

**Virtual Parent Meetings:
Return-to-School**

Leslie Nichols, Superintendent

August 5, 6, & 7, 2020

Schedule of Zoom Meetings

- Wednesday, August 5, 9:00am
- Wednesday, August 5, 5:30pm
- Thursday, August 6, 12:30pm
- Friday, August 7, 12:00pm
- With Spanish translation support at Inmigrantes Unidos meeting
Friday, August 7 at 6:30pm at Emmanuel Church behind House of
China on Highway 50 in Gunnison.



Today's Message

- Return to School and the Coronameter
- Our 3 Priorities: Health & Safety, Social Emotional Health, Academic Growth and Achievement
- Our Risk Reduction Toolkit
- School-Based Blended Learning vs. Pathways 100% Online Learning
- Athletics Update
- Questions & Answers

American Academy of Pediatrics

Latest Statement

- “We recognize that children learn best when physically present in the classroom. But children get much more than academics at school.
 - They also learn social and emotional skills at school,
 - get healthy meals and exercise,
 - mental health support and
 - other services that cannot be easily replicated online.
 - Schools also play a critical role in addressing racial and social inequity.
 - Our nation’s response to COVID-19 has laid bare inequities and consequences for children that must be addressed.
 - This pandemic is especially hard on families who rely on school lunches, have children with disabilities, or lack access to Internet or health care.



American Academy of Pediatrics

Latest Statement

- “Local school leaders, public health experts, educators and parents must be at the center of decisions about how and when to reopen schools,
 - taking into account the spread of COVID-19 in their communities and
 - the capacities of school districts to adapt safety protocols to make in-person learning safe and feasible.
 - For instance, schools in areas with high levels of COVID-19 community spread should not be compelled to reopen against the judgment of local experts.
 - A one-size-fits-all approach is not appropriate for return to school decisions.”



Overview of County's durable Public Health Orders

- **Gunnison County Coronameter and Guidelines**
 - **Green: No Threat** - schools no restrictions
 - **Blue: Cautious Normal** - schools 100% brick & mortar
 - **Yellow: Community Concern** - 100% brick & mortar
 - **Orange: On the Cliff** - schools hybrid
 - **Red: Severe** - schools 100% remote



GWSD Return-to-School Priorities

- 1. Physical safety and health of students, staff, and community.**
- 2. Social/emotional health of students, staff, and community.**
- 3. Academic growth and achievement of students.**

Our mission remains: *Ensure all students are successful.*



GWSD Return-to-School Goals

- 1. Maximize in-person education.**
- 2. Reduce the risks of transmission of COVID-19.**
- 3. Collaborate with local and state public health departments.**
- 4. Take actions to improve equity in access to education.**
- 5. Empower students and staff to make sound decisions based on principles guided by science.**



Our Risk Reduction Toolkit

1. Daily Health Screenings
2. Illness Protocols
3. Handwashing
4. Respiratory Etiquette
5. Face Coverings
6. Physical Distancing
7. Reducing Contacts
8. Ventilation Practices
9. Cleaning/Sanitizing/Disinfecting Protocols



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Social Emotional Learning

- Building 4-year Multidisciplinary, Data-informed, Community-partnered plan with Juvenile Services and Mentors
- Year 1 focus is on Adult SEL
- Planning to strengthen Student SEL will occur this year
- Existing Student SEL programs will continue in force:
 - Pyramid Model
 - Second Step
 - Sanford Harmony
 - MindUp
 - Sources of Strength
 - Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS)



School-Based Blended Learning

- Blended Learning combines intentionally coordinated online and offline experiences. Designing learning this way supports learning in many locations.
- Three locations:
 - 100% Brick & Mortar
 - Hybrid
 - 100% Remote

Two Learning Options

- School-Based Blended Learning
- Pathways 100% Online Learning

Athletics Update

- Four shortened CHSAA seasons
- Each season will run about 7 weeks
 - Now: Boys Golf, Boys/Girls Cross Country, Girls Softball
 - January: winter sports
 - March: Boys Soccer, Football, Girls Volleyball
 - May: spring sports
- School-sponsored club sports (GHS - climbing, mountain biking) are TBD partially depending on organizing league positions
- Middle school sports and activities also TBD - stay tuned

