



Good afternoon families and staff,

I'm writing today with some important updates regarding the re-opening of our schools in the fall. Please take some time to read through them. As a reminder, families have until Wednesday, Aug. 5, to complete their family commitment survey - their choice between full in-person instruction or full distance learning.

Governor's Emergency Order - Facial Coverings

Yesterday, Gov. Tony Evers issued a statewide Emergency Order requiring individuals to wear masks / facial coverings when indoors. This order applies to schools and requires that ALL students in ALL grades will be required to wear masks / facial coverings. More information about masks / facial coverings is included in the SDNB Reopening Schools Handbook & FAQ (see below). Families can also expect additional communication about masks / facial coverings from their respective schools in the near future.

The School District of New Berlin previously announced that all students in grades 4-12 would be required to wear masks / facial coverings. The Emergency Order supersedes the district's previous decision.

Family Handbook & FAQ

As families make their choice for their children, we have compiled an [SDNB Reopening Schools Handbook & FAQ](#) to help with those decisions. The handbook is divided into several different sections with questions and answers related to health and safety, instruction, technology and more. Many of the answers to the questions families may have about the reopening of our schools can be found in this document, which will be updated regularly between now and the start of the school year.

Correction Related to Phased Hybrid Schedule

An error was made in Wednesday's letter to families regarding the schedule for the first two weeks of school. Students will be divided alphabetically based on the **beginning** of their last name, not the **ending** as previously stated. The corrected info is as follows:

- **Sept. 8-11 - the first week of school:** For those choosing the in-person instructional model, Sept. 8-11 will be a phased hybrid model of both in-person learning and distance learning. (Those choosing the full distance learning will not experience a change to their schedule).
 - Sept. 8-9 - Students with last names beginning in A-Lam will be in school; students with last names beginning in Lan-Z will participate in distance learning.
 - Sept. 10-11 - Students with last names beginning in A-Lam will participate in distance learning; students with last names beginning in Lan-Z will be in school.
- **Sept. 14-18 - the second week of school:** For those choosing the in-person instructional model, Sept. 14-18 will be a phased hybrid model of both in-person



learning and distance learning. (Those choosing the full distance learning will not experience a change to their schedule).

- Sept. 14 - ALL students will be learning from home and staff will be onsite to review processes and practices and plan for future learning.
- Sept. 15-16 - Students with last names beginning in A-Lam will be in school; students with last names beginning in Lan-Z will participate in distance learning.
- Sept. 17-18 - Students with last names beginning in A-Lam will participate in distance learning; students with last names beginning in Lan-Z will be in school.
- **Sept. 21** - pending further information or updates, the hybrid phase will end and all students who choose the in-person instructional model will be in school in-person as originally planned.

We apologize for the error and the confusion it may have caused.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Joe Garza, Superintendent