

**Elementary & High School Agenda**  
**Special Meeting**  
**VIA ZOOM ONLY**  
**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**7:30 A.M.**

- I. Opening of Meeting
- II. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment
- III. Action Items

- A. Consider Addition to Safe Opening Plan

COVID-19 cases in our county have been on the rise and seem to be remaining fairly high. We have seen the impact of positive cases on our school already as we have had two grade levels in the elementary go into distance learning for three days. I have been in conversation with Teton County Health Department about ways to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 cases and still try to keep the educational process rolling for our students. I would like to outline an idea for your consideration that will provide a level of safety for our staff, students and families and will also keep our students in school more.

If there is a positive case in our school, I would like to require a negative rapid test and masks for a fixed, brief time period for the kids who are directly affected, so they can stay in school. Here's an example of how this will work on a practical level:

1. There is a confirmed positive case in a 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom, and we find this out on a Tuesday. The day of the last exposure was the previous Friday, four days prior.
2. Rapid testing is offered on Wednesday, which is the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the last exposure.
3. Any student who tests negative on Wednesday can be back in school on Thursday and Friday, providing they wear a mask. There will also be some modifications within the classroom (increase distancing and sanitizing protocols) and with special programming (PE, music, art and library).
4. In this example, this would mean one day of distance learning (the Wednesday of testing) instead of three days of distance learning.

I do want to point out that this is a compromise between keeping students in school as much as possible and recommendations from the CDC. It does not align exactly to the CDC's recommendations for schools. Another key point to this plan is that only directly impacted students would be required to wear masks, and the number of days for masking would be five or less.

Any parent who does not agree with any of these protocols can choose to keep their student home for the time period and education materials will be available for pick up. I will explain in more detail at the meeting, and I would gladly answer any questions prior to or during the meeting.

- IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the high school library.

**“Choteau Schools' mission is to provide a safe, optimal learning environment, offering all students a well-rounded education.”**