

# Bloomington Board of Education

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the August 25, 2020 Board of Education meeting, members of the Board were provided with the reasons to approve a remote reopening of the 2020-21 school year. The School Board voted unanimously in support of the remote plan.

This was not an easy decision for the Board of Education to make. However, after reviewing the available information pertaining to the lack of necessary resources needed to provide our students and staff with an in person healthy and safe learning experience, the Board approved a remote reopening of our schools. The plan provides for a review of the remote program on October 15, 2020 with a target date of November 16th or sooner to reopen our schools in a hybrid instructional program.

Our Principals are in the process of distributing student schedules, technology devices, and materials to be used as part of their instructional program. Students will be assessed to determine their educational needs which will guide their teachers in developing lessons and assignments appropriate to the student's grade level curricula.

Parents should contact their child/ children's teacher to discuss matters of concern and or questions about assignments that students are required to complete. Ultimately, the goal of the school district is to return to a healthy and safe in person instructional program within the prescribed time frame.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult and stressful time. We are looking forward to a successful school year especially for our students, families, teachers, support staff and administrators.

Respectfully,

John J. Petrelli  
Superintendent of Schools