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Subject:

Rolling Green Confirmed Start Online

(Note: Sent with auto-translation via School Messenger)

Email:

Rolling Green Families,

We've received confirmation from the Iowa Department of Education (DE) that they have provided permission for our Rolling Green school year to begin this Thursday, July 23 in the Required Continuous Learning (all online) instructional model as previously planned. Permission to provide instruction all online has been granted from July 23 - August 6, 2020.

Quick Re-cap and Looking Ahead

1. As you may know, school districts developed three models of instruction for this coming school year which included On-site (all in-person), Hybrid (partially in-person & partially online), and Required Continuous Learning (all online). Based on the [new proclamation](#) shared this past Friday, July 17 by Governor Reynolds, school districts only have the authority to transition between the On-Site and Hybrid instructional models. In order for a school or a school district to transition to Required Continuous Learning (all online), districts must request permission and receive approval from the DE.
2. The DE is still working on the standards or metrics for determining when schools/districts could transition to a different model of instruction; those metrics are expected to be shared the first week of August.
3. As we approach August 6, which is the date our permission expires for delivering instruction in the Required Continuous Learning model (all online), we will be assessing our district and public health in order to:
 - a. Request permission to stay within the Required Continuous Learning (all online) instructional model; or
 - b. Shift to the Hybrid instructional model.
4. The new proclamation also changed the requirements for school districts' Hybrid instructional models to require at least 50% of in-person instruction to occur over a two-week period. We're reviewing our Hybrid model to determine any adjustments that may need to be made in order to meet the new requirement. If adjustments are needed, we'll request approval by our School Board and will share the updated Hybrid model with you (anticipating we would share the updated Hybrid in early August).

Even with all of these last-minute changes in the midst of what is already an unsettling time for children, parents, and educators, please know...we are very much looking forward to starting our Rolling Green school year this Thursday, July 23.

Thank you,

Dania Wilson
Interim Principal

Steve Bass
Superintendent