

Safe School Reopening Task Force Leadership Steering Committee  
June 25, 2-3 p.m.

**Attendees:** Shelley Redinger, Mark Anderson, Adam Swinyard, Gwen Harris, Jennifer Keck, Kristy Mylroie, Megan Read, Jeremy Ochse, Rebecca Powell, Tricia Kannberg, Katie Kenlein, Stephanie Busch, Cindy Coleman, Michelle Jenner, Steve Fisk, Oscar Harris, Shawn Jordan, Brad Read, Dawn Sidell, Jeremy Shay, Becky Ramsey. Not in attendance: Jerrall Haynes, Dr. Bob Lutz, Andre Ramsey

**Discussion:** Dr. Anderson thanked the committee members and reminded them of the committee's purpose, and that the school board needs to adopt a resolution regarding a plan for the fall two weeks before the start of school.

During a recent Zoom meeting with the state superintendent and superintendents from the region, several requirements were clarified:

- The 6-foot spacing requirement is between student heads, not desks
- Face masks will be required
- Face shields are OK for staff to wear while teaching
- Daily health screenings will require temperature checks of everyone entering a building

The steering committee heard reports from Safety & Operations, Elementary and Secondary Education models, and Special Education subcommittees.

**Safety & Operations:** Dr. Anderson said face shields are being ordered for staff, and also students who have a health condition that prevents them from wearing a face mask. Cloth masks are also being ordered for staff and Becky Doughty, Health Services Director, will provide instruction on proper care and use. Plexiglass transaction shields are being built and installed in areas such as public office, student office, book rooms, etc. throughout the district. Work continues on modeling room layouts to see how many desks/students can fit safely in classrooms.

**Elementary Ed:** Dr. Swinyard said the goal is to have the greatest number of students safely attending school every day at the elementary level. Pictures were shown of what a classroom may look like with desks spread out at the required distance; there is little room for bookcase or other furniture besides student and teacher desks. There's lots of back and forth and coordination with the Safety & Operations subcommittee as physical space, staffing and logistics are considered. He is encouraged by the direction we are headed.

**Secondary Ed:** The greater number of students in secondary buildings makes it much more challenging to logistically have all students at school every day, so an A/B rotating schedule is being discussed. Based on survey feedback from staff, it looks like Teams will be the digital tool of choice for assignments and activities. There will be more professional development focusing on this tool. Brad Read mentioned that some teachers have been using Blackboard for a long

time, so this decision feels not great to them. Dr. Swinyard said the committee talked about that issue, that Spokane Virtual Learning will still use BB as its platform, and that we will continue to talk about digital tools over the summer. Teams was not originally created for use in the educational environment, but Microsoft is working hard to make changes so that it is a better fit for schools.

**Special Ed:** Becky Ramsey gave a thorough report of overarching and program-specific recommendations, including prioritizing students with disabilities for in-person instruction and the varying level of need for staff and student PPE. [Read the whole report here.](#)

The next meeting will be July 2. The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.