

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

**Attendees:** Adam Swinyard, Mark Anderson, Nikki Lockwood, Megan Read, Shawn Jordan, Craig Numata, Cindy Coleman, Salliejo Evers, Jennifer Keck, Gwen Harris, Becky Ramsey, Rebecca Powell, Stephanie Busch, Michelle Jenner, Jerrall Haynes, Heather Bybee, Oscar Harris, Jeremy Shay, Steve Fisk, Katie Kenlein, Kristy Mylroie. Not in attendance: Dawn Sidell, Dr. Bob Lutz, Tricia Kannberg, Jeremy Ochse, Phil Wright, Brad Read.

**Discussion:** Dr. Anderson welcomed everyone and mentioned that the morning started with about 3,500 staff taking part in a health and safety webinar. A panel of district experts walked people through the protocols that have been established for staff to follow. A webinar will be held for families and students in the future when we prepare to return to in-person learning. Since some people will be coming to schools next week for conferences and materials pickup, a sign outside the building will notify them that they should not enter the building if they have any typical symptoms of COVID-19.

Several administrators gave brief updates:

A health attestation app will be in use starting Sept. 8 for staff, and September 14 for students, like those in Day Camp, who will be coming into the buildings. It is very easy to use, can be bookmarked on a computer or made into a shortcut on a smartphone; it will also be available through the SPS app.

So far, about 17,000 families have signed up for launch conferences. Communication has gone out from the district and from schools, and now individual messages and phone calls will be made to those who haven't signed up yet.

SPS Day Camp has been a popular topic. There are still spaces available throughout the district. Recently, SPS received CARES funding from the City to provide scholarships for students attending Day Camp. The County is also considering our request for additional dollars to be used for scholarships. We should know more about that next week. We are grateful to the community for supporting students.

SV Academy has about 1,800 students signed up, ~6% of SPS students.

Though COVID cases are down in Spokane County, officials have concerns about Labor Day weekend, and area colleges starting classes. Superintendent Swinyard said that we will learn a lot in the next month about what the following seven or eight months will look like for us.

The USDA extended the Free Summer Meals Program so that all children 18 and younger can continue to get free meals through Dec. 31.

Several special ed students will be bussed to school starting Sept. 14. Busses will also be used to deliver meals and supplies. Special Ed will be using a modified hybrid model to serve 5 or fewer students in person at one time, every other morning, focusing on who needs targeted instruction the most.

Some athletic camps will be held Sept. 28-Nov. 3. Athletic directors will work with the coaches who want to sponsor a camp outside the school day. These will vary from school to school and sport to sport.

Teachers and staff have had a rigorous, jam-packed week of professional development this week..

There is anxiety around kindergarten enrollment this year. Conferences are a good opportunity to connect with families and confirm who will be coming to school.

Grading and attendance this year will be similar to how they have traditionally been. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the day, and teachers will keep an eye on who attends each instructional block as well. There has been a shift in the key standards teachers will focus on, but grading will happen this year, with feedback and letter grades as usual. This is different than the spring.

As of now, we are planning to have students take the SBAC, but we are waiting to hear if it will be waived. The PSAT and SAT will happen this year.

Many families are concerned not only about access to Internet, but about having enough Internet band width to support many simultaneous live meetings. Dr. Swinyard said we will have to closely monitor and adjust accordingly, as there don't seem to be any good solutions, for example, for when five people need to be on live meetings at once.

The task force will meet again in the future – a few weeks ahead of when we are planning to return to in-person instruction.

Drs. Swinyard and Anderson thanked everyone for all their time and efforts since June.