

Governor's Recent Announcement

The Governor announced new requirements which allow the option for school districts to return elementary students to full in-person instruction, even when county case rates remain elevated, beginning January 18th. If districts choose to return students to in-person or hybrid learning, the implementation must use a phased approach with no more than 3 grade levels returning to each building per each two week period. Many of the other previous restrictions remain in place, which may impact a district's ability to bring students back to classrooms. Districts still have the option to remain in hybrid or distance learning. Also, families have the option to continue to distance learn throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Cloquet Public Schools will begin to evaluate our ability to return elementary students to classrooms. We will begin our evaluation on January 4th following the winter break and will provide advanced notice to families should a return to in-person learning be achievable. Throughout the pandemic, we have considered grades K-6 to be elementary grade levels. We will be investigating the ability to return these grade levels to in-person instruction. While we hope to be able to bring our students back to our buildings, there are many items that need to fall into place, some of which are out of our direct control.

We very deeply understand the importance of in-person education to student learning and to our families. We hope to bring our students back as soon as possible in a safe and sustainable way. As a result, we will carefully plan before making any final decisions and will notify families of our future direction as soon as we have made appropriate preparations. Please know we will not rush preparations at the expense of the safety of students, staff, or our community.

Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent
Cloquet Public Schools