

July 16, 2021

Dear Bulldog Families,

Once again, I want to thank you for your patience and support during these still ever evolving times. I am excited to report that as of this writing, Elbert School is still in the "Green status" and cleared for in-person learning starting on Wednesday, August 11th.

We have continued to work with our local officials to fine tune our procedures and protocols to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. As of now, we plan to have a "normal" school year. I know, if you are like me, you are asking yourself what is "normal" or will we ever be "normal" again?? Well, the new "normal" for us will look as close to the old "normal" as we can make it. However, we also want to honor our families who may still have concerns or health conditions that warrant extra precautions. If that is the case for you and your family, please know that we will honor those concerns and continue to provide access to an online education with our Colorado Digital Learning partners. Please contact Mr. Graves as soon as possible to discuss this option for your child.

For all others planning to be in-person, as of now, we will continue to follow our Covid cleaning and health protocols on a daily basis. Everyone will be required to continue to use our digital thermometer upon entry into our building, as we feel that this was a great reminder to only come to school if you are feeling well. We will not require masks, but will honor those who still wish to wear them. We will not require the Covid immunization, but we will be asking for you to let us know if your child has received the shot, as this will help us determine how we may have to proceed in the event that we have a Covid outbreak at school and have to quarantine. All of this is still evolving, and we will work hard to keep you updated as we learn the best ways to move forward.

As always, your child's education is our top priority and we know that the last 18 months have been tough on them. We will do everything in our power to identify any gaps that may have occurred and do our best to ensure that they are caught up and well on their way to receiving a quality education. We also know that this pandemic has played a role in their mental health and we have committed to having mental health support available if they need it. Of course, for the students I think the most important message you can relay to them is we will have our Up Times, dances, and fun back at school - it's time to let them be kids again!!

In order to fully prepare, I would remind you to please go to <a href="www.ezschoolenroll.com">www.ezschoolenroll.com</a> and complete the enrollment process so we will know who is attending. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Cornell at <a href="mailto:ecornell@elbertschool.org">ecornell@elbertschool.org</a>.

As of now, we plan to host an in-person <u>Back to School Night/Open House on Thursday</u>, <u>August 5th from 4:30 - 6:30 for our 1st - 12th grade families</u>. Please stop by to meet and greet your teachers, get your child's schedule, sign up for the bus, and/or tour the building! <u>Preschool and Kindergarten families your Back to School Night will be held on August 12th - see attached flyer</u>. Preschool - 12th grade school supply lists are on the website.

Also, for <u>incoming freshman</u> there will be an informational presentation by Mr. Graves on July 29th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the school.

In order for this plan to be successful and for your children to return and stay in school, it will take a tremendous effort from everyone. Regardless of your political views or belief or disbelief in this pandemic, we need to do our very best for our children so please be mindful of your families health, hand washing, and overall communication with the school. The more positive modeling you can do for your child, the easier it will be for them to transition back to the school setting. Thank you in advance for your help! I know together we can succeed!

Best regards,

Kelli Thompson Superintendent



Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Elbert School District #200 Back to School Night Open House!!

for

1st - 12th grade families

Tour the building.

Meet and greet new and returning staff and athletic coaches.

Receive information regarding:

Bus schedules, supply/fee lists, lunches, class schedules, athletics, and support with EZ School enrollment.

\*\* Preschool and Kindergarten Back to School Night will be held August 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 \*\* (\*\*see seperate flyer for details)



Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## Elbert School District #200 Back to School Information Night

for

## Preschool and Kindergarten Families

Mrs. Franek and Ms. Webber are hosting a special night just for our littlest Bulldogs. We highly encourage you to come and learn about our programs, introduce your child to their teacher and their room. Watch your email for a special detailed message from their teacher.

## Important information/dates:

1st day of school for <u>Pre-K</u> (4 year olds) Friday, August 13th 7:50-11:30

1st day of <u>Preschool</u> (3 year olds) the week of August 17th corresponding to their a.m. or p.m. session

1st day of school for <u>Kindergarteners</u>
Friday, August 13th 7:50 - 12:30
(Kindergarten will do ½ days through August 27th)