

River Bend Families and Staff,

Like most of you, I have never experienced a school year quite like this in my 30 years in education. I cannot thank our staff, students and parents enough for all your efforts and patience this year. We have succeeded together through a very unique and challenging year.

**All information is subject to change based on IDPH, ISBE and our local health department regulations and guidance.**

**Good News:**

- **Fall 2021-** We are planning a return to full day schedule next fall for the 2021-2022 school year. Each of our buildings will return to their pre-pandemic class sizes and structure. Schedule modifications will be shared with families and staff as we finalize times.
- **Summer Learning and Learning loss-** River Bend is in the process of creating enrichment and remedial learning opportunities for students. Specific information will be shared as it is finalized.
  - Sign up for Summer Enrichment Classes June 7 - 11 [here](#)
- **Summer Sports Camps-** The River Bend athletic department is working on schedules that will allow us to safely offer sporting camps over the summer. As those schedules are finalized they will be shared.
- **In person graduations-** Both the middle school graduation May 20th 6:30 and the high school graduation May 23rd will be in person with limitations. The principals have shared plans with parents. If you need additional information about graduation, contact the building principal.
  - [RBMS Promotion Information](#)
- **Vaccinations-** We will continue to work with the WCHD to offer vaccinations on-site for both students and the community. Wednesday, May 26th from 9:30-11:30 ages 12 and up can receive their vaccinations. An email dated May 17th was sent to all families with the necessary information.

**Other News:**

- **Remote Learning-** Because remote learning is not required by the Illinois State Board of Education, River Bend will only offer remote learning to those who medically qualify. If you believe you will qualify for a remote medical exemption, please contact the building principal as soon as possible. Remote learning will be conducted by a third party vendor

that will be paid for by the school district with certain stipulations. This will allow River Bend Staff to focus on the students in the classroom and not plan/educate the remote learners during the school day.

- **Quarantined Learning-** River Bend anticipates that students may need to be quarantined throughout the school year on occasion. When a student is quarantined, the district will continue to support and help the student connect to classes remotely.
- **Covid Protective Measures-** At this point, IDPH and ISBE have not removed protective measures for reducing the spread of the virus. River Bend will continue to monitor the regulations and when and if restrictions are reduced we will address the new guidelines.
- **Registration-** Registration letters and information will be sent out in late May or early June. Registration will open up July 6th.

I wish you an enjoyable summer filled with activities, friends and family,

Darryl Hogue