



Minidoka County School District #331

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Dear Minidoka Staff and Parents:

There have been many questions about what school will look like this fall. This will be the first of several communications that the District will be sending out regarding the start of school. Since we are unable to predict where we will be as a State or region with COVID-19 in the fall, we have been meeting and discussing many different scenarios. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an overview of the plans that are being developed.

Along with other districts in the region, we have developed a tiered system for school attendance in the fall. This system will allow us to move between levels as things change. For simplicity, the system uses a color-coding system as follows:

Green – Students in school in a traditional manner with precautions in place

Yellow – Students in school with tighter restrictions

***Orange** – Only half of the students in school at any one time to help create social distancing

Red – Students at home using distance learning

**Orange – How students will be split has not yet been determined.*

As an example, if we were starting school today, we would be yellow with all students in school. However, if we were starting school today and were in a situation similar to what Ada County is currently, we would be at the Orange level with only half the students in a school building at any one time.

With these tiers in place, we would be able to move between levels from week to week depending upon the current number of cases of COVID-19 in our communities. We may also be able to have different levels at individual schools if we have a confirmed case at one or more of our schools.

Please understand, these plans are still being developed and may be adjusted as we learn more. We also realize that some parents may not be comfortable sending their students back to school yet. We are looking into what options we can provide for these families as well.

We will be able to provide more information about the details of these levels in the near future. In the meantime, please be safe and practice good hand hygiene, physical distancing, and consider wearing a mask when around groups of people.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Ramsey, Superintendent
Dr. Kenneth Cox/Former Superintendent