

# Nett Lake Public School

## Back to School 2021: School in-person five days a week

After more than a year with more than one learning formats, enhanced health and safety protocols, and other impacts to the school day, Nett Lake Public School is preparing to welcome students back to the start of the 2021-22 school year beginning of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to prioritize protecting the health and safety for staff and students and monitor any impact of COVID-19 on school operations. The following guidance is being shared now to families in advance of the school year to support planning decisions about the upcoming year. If changes are necessary, we will communicate with staff and families as quickly as possible.

### Learning Formats

- We will implement in-person learning five days a week.
- Distance learning will not be offered for the 2021-22 school year.

### Face Coverings/Masks

We will continue to work closely with health officials to monitor infection rates and to obtain guidance. Our current rates are very low. It may be recommended that we change our practices and procedures if guidance is clear that we should do so. At this time, we are planning the following:

- Mask will be required for all students and staff working with those students.
- Face coverings/masks are required for all students and staff on student transportation. This is a federal requirement and not a rule under the authority of the school district.

### Health and Safety Protocols

The school will resume last years cleaning methods, hand sanitizers, drinking water stations, and the encouragement to hand wash often.

Social distancing is not required. This will continue to be monitored and could change based on recommendations from health officials.

Close contacts of positive cases will not be sent home, but can stay in school. We had a very low percent of close contacts become positive last school year.

Students and staff with symptoms will have to be sent home, as per the MDH Decision Tree. An updated Decision Tree is coming soon. If you test positive or choose to not get a test, you may return to school when you have quarantined for 10 days from the first day of symptoms and are symptom free. **A negative COVID test or an alternate diagnosis can get you back in school immediately.**

If there is a positive case in an elementary classroom, an Exposure Letter will be sent to parents/guardians.