

# Ida Insights

Where Learning Strikes

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of Ida Public Schools is to bring students, staff and community together to maintain our rich traditions. We will provide students with a safe learning environment, an exceptional curriculum, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become life-long learners.*

## FROM THE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE

### Ida Public Schools Community

Ida Public Schools Building Committee is interested in your feedback about a possible bond proposal under consideration by the district that may potentially be placed on the ballot this coming November. The information we gather will help guide our Board of Education and administration team regarding this possible bond ask. Please find the mission of Ida Building Committee on the enclosed note. We want to learn what the heart of our community wants and could support above and beyond your generous tax dollars.

For this reason, we have contracted with EPIC•MRA, an independent and experienced survey-research firm to gather your opinions. EPIC•MRA will conduct a random, live-operator telephone survey of registered voters in the Ida Public Schools District. This process has been used by school districts across

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Heart of Our  
Community!*

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the state to ensure that the voices of their stakeholders are heard and communicated to the district.

With the uptick in telephone scams lately, we wanted to ensure that you knew this call was coming. Simply put, please watch for - and answer - a phone call from EPIC with a 517-area code starting on April 13, 2021. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and your participation.

Sincerely,

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# Ida Public Schools

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## IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE 2021

### **ROLE/MISSION OF THE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE**

The mission of Ida Public Schools Building Committee is to provide students with a facility that is a safe learning environment so staff can carry out an exceptional curriculum to meet the challenges of the future and provide facility resources to become life-long learners.

Goal: To maximize and be a good steward of community and district resources while providing the best facilities for our rich traditions, a safe learning environment, and exceptional curriculum.

### **CORE BELIEFS OF AN EFFECTIVE IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDING COMMITTEE**

- We love our children.
- We love Ida Public Schools: We understand that our schools are the heart of our community.
- We love the Ida Community: We are aware of our neighbors and their resources, and the level of support they can feel good about.

### **ROLE/MISSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- To communicate with and coordinate all entities involved in the fulfillment of the Ida Public Schools Building Committee's mission statement. This includes and is not limited to government, schools, community, private sector, and commercial entities.

### **ROLE/MISSION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

- Do what is best for the students first and foremost while also serving the will of the community members we represent.
- Gather information and feedback from building committee.
- Use this information to take back to the board to make a formal bond decision that reflects the communities wishes.



# Superintendent Parent Brief March/April 2021

## Considerations and Guidance for the Upcoming Weeks

### **Dear Ida Public Schools Community:**

COVID cases are rising in our community and county. Please see the Ida Public Schools dashboard for our latest metrics. With spring break and the upcoming holiday, outside exposure could increase. Nurse Rozek will send an additional note with helpful health protocols to assist us. The following paragraphs will outline how we will respond as a district.

### **Increased COVID cases and exposure, and when would we close?**

Nurse Rozek and I track the positive cases and their close contacts to see if we can identify a hot spot or excessive exposure in a classroom, common area(s.), athletic team or extra-curricular activity. We also follow those in quarantine for symptoms or cases that develop, the timeline of the cases and analyze this data. In the event we identify a pattern, we discuss with the Monroe County Health Department to determine if a closure is needed. Weighing the health metrics is not easy, every scenario is different and takes time to analyze. Please note, if a pause or closure is needed, the notice could be less than a day.

Another scenario that could close a building(s), hopefully for not more than a day or two (a pause), is time needed to complete contact tracing due to a positive case(s) report. Again, notice could be short.

**Quarantine:** I have communicated to staff and parents that quarantine numbers will not close us, shortage of subs could. We added additional commit subs for the next month in hopes we have the necessary staff should staff quarantine numbers rise. This is a similar step we might follow if we had increased influenza.

Instruction for students in quarantine: The teachers are learning creative ways to keep students current who are in quarantine, hoping to maintain the instructional, social and emotional engagement. I cannot thank the teachers and parents enough for helping the students stay on track and engaged. It is not easy.

If you or immediate family member test positive, please contact our school nurse Mackenzie Rozek at [rozek@idaschools.org](mailto:rozek@idaschools.org) or 734 – 269 – 9003 ext. 1510 as soon as you are aware and keep your child home until you talk with her. If this occurs the week of spring break, thru Sunday April 11, 2021 please contact Janie Dressel at [dressel@idaschool.org](mailto:dressel@idaschool.org) or 734 – 269 – 9003 ext. 4002. I will be available during spring break if you have questions or concerns. [kreps@idaschool.org](mailto:kreps@idaschool.org) or 734 – 269 – 9003 ext. 4000. Again, Nurse Rozek's note will provide additional guidance.

If we continue to work together and follow the necessary steps and precautions, the chances for Ida to continue to operate safely and in-person is greatly increased.

I look forward to sharing the end of the year celebratory events with you. The events might look different, but the heart of the celebration will be the same!

Have a wonderful break!

Sandy



# Kindergarten Round Up For 2021-2022 School Year

Ida Elementary will conduct its Kindergarten Round Up registration on Wednesday, April 28, Thursday, April 29, & April 30, 2021. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten this fall, you are asked to notify the Elementary office as soon as possible, with your child's name, child's date of birth, phone number, parents names, and address. The state of Michigan recommends that your child be 5 by September 1, 2021. You can reach the Ida Elementary office at (734) 269-3605.

A mailing will be sent to Parents the end of April notifying them of the exact day and time they are to attend. Parents will be required to provide:

- **Child's original birth certificate**
- **Immunization record**
- **Proof of Residency** - for residents
- **A Physical by their doctor - a green physical form** will need to be completed by the parent & doctor (these forms will be mailed to you or can be picked up at the Elementary Office)
- **Hearing & Vision Screening** – Available at Monroe County Health Department (by appointment only) or by your own physician.

**NOTE:** *The parent or legal guardian of children who are turning 5 between Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Dec.1<sup>st</sup> may enroll their child in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district with written consent.*

## Ida Elementary's "Safety City" Program – Now Accepting Applications

Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten or first grade are invited to take advantage of an exciting summer program, which provides youngsters with the opportunity to practice safety in many situations. *Depending on the guest speakers we are able to secure*, the following situations will be addressed this year:

Bike Safety	Fire/Electrical Safety	First Aid	Swimming Safety
Safety with Animals	Farm Safety	School Bus Safety	Dialing 9-1-1 Train Safety

Now in our 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the ten (10) day program will offer a morning session, lasting two hours per day (9:00-11:00 a.m. daily, except for "Graduation" day). Safety City is taught by Ida Elementary Teacher, Mrs. Alisabeth Fox. The Teacher Assistant will be Mrs. Carolyn Clark. The program features daily guest speakers who will talk to children on a variety of safety topics. Children in the class will experience learning in fun ways, including daily opportunities (weather permitting) to ride the Kettler Grand Prix Kettcars in the "Safety City." Children will also receive many free gifts during the course.

The dates of this summer's Safety City program will be from **Monday, 21 June through Friday, 2 July, 2021**. Parents are reminded that registration is on a "first come, first serve" basis, and the program is limited to 30 students.

***Due to COVID 19, we are taking extra precautions with the program. Students will be distanced appropriately, and mitigation will be according to CDC guidelines at the time of the program.***

Because we want our Ida children to experience this important course, ***we are offering Safety City to Ida families ABSOLUTELY FREE.*** NOTE: Children *may not repeat* Safety City.

**\* Non-Ida residents are welcome. The cost is \$30 (\$50 for two children) make checks payable to Ida Public Schools, "Safety City"**

If interested, please complete the following Registration form, and mail it or drop it off at: Ida Elementary School, ATTN: Mr. Bert Wagner, Ida Elementary Principal. 7900 Ida St. Ida, MI 48140. For more information, call Bert Wagner at Ida Elementary School, at (734) 269-3605.

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### SAFETY CITY REGISTRATION FORM

### SUMMER 2021

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission for (child's full name) \_\_\_\_\_ to ride the school bus, participate in swimming activity, and other activities associated with the Safety City Program.

\*\*\*My child has the following health conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian **Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature** (required) \_\_\_\_\_

# OPEN ENROLLMENT



- Please stay in your car until table space is available
- Face coverings are required
- Practice social distancing

## CONTACT

GSRP: Cortney Last 734-342-8690 | HS/EHS: Kristin Shappee 734-342-8715

### AGE REQUIREMENTS

GSRP: 4 yrs. by Sept. 1, 2021+  
 Head Start: 3 yrs. by Sept. 1, 2021  
 Early Head Start:  
 Prenatal Mothers to 3 years

\*SB 133 allows children turning 4 between Sept. 2, 2021 - Dec. 1, 2021 to submit a waiver application. Space is limited based on availability and location. Enrollment may be considered after Sept. 1, 2021.

*These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.*

### Bring these documents (required)

- Proof of Income
  - 2020 W-2s
  - Income Tax Return
  - SSI, TANF
  - 4 weeks of pay stubs
- Foster Care documentation (if applicable)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency (drivers license, bill, rent lease, etc.)

## OPEN ENROLLMENT DATES

Date	Time	Location	Address
Thursday, April 22	11:30 am-2:30 pm	ISD Transition Center Parking Lot	1101 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe
Thursday, April 29	11:30 am-2:30 pm	ISD Transition Center Parking Lot	1101 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe
Tuesday, May 4	Noon-3 pm	Smith Road Elementary Parking Lot	1135 Smith Rd, Temperance
Thursday, May 13	Noon-3 pm	Oaks Of Righteousness Parking Lot	1018 E. 2nd St., Monroe,
Wednesday, May 26	Noon-3:30	Riverside Playground Parking Lot	77 N Roessler St, Monroe
Thursday, June 3	10-1:00 pm	ISD Transition Center Parking Lot	1101 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe
Wednesday, June 9	10-1:00 pm	ISD Transition Center Parking Lot	1101 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe
Wednesday, June 16	1:00-4:00 pm	Niedermeier School Parking Lot	8400 Newport S Rd, Newport

**ALL open enrollment events will be held outdoors with weather permitting.  
 Please call 734-342-8715 if weather is questionable.**



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