June 2021

Ida Public Schools Roadmap To Learning

Where Learning Strikes

PREPARING FOR FALL 2021

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In the next few weeks, look for a staff and parent year-end and looking to the fall school improvement survey.

From the Superintendent

We made it!

For all of us, perseverance was key from March 2020 to June 2021 with many lessons learned, many challenges tackled, and many relationships strengthened. During these months, we had the opportunity to communicate with many of our families. The conversations were about their family health values and what they hold dear. These conversations also involved discussion about which options and what choices would best meet the needs and values of their family.

Last fall, we developed an Extended Learning Plan that provided as much choice for our families as we could while following Phase 4 mandates and recommendations of the MI Safe School Return to School Roadmap. As we look to this fall, we are continuing the theme of choice and options.

Ida Public Schools is planning on following Phase 6 in the Roadmap to Learn Plan for fall: Traditional learning for all students, 5 days a week and a full offering of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. We will also offer virtual options so all our families have choice. The cognitive - social - emotional - mental health components for all our students make this pursuit imperative. If you have a child(ren) who needs additional support, please reach out to me in the days ahead. I will be in most of the summer. We can work together to figure out what is needed.

Phase 6 does not include health mandates. With Lansing lifting all broad mandates on July 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., and the county and district health metrics strong, we are confidently moving forward. To ensure Lansing knows our intent so we can be pro-active not reactive, our school board signed a resolution for our intent and wishes. Please see in the pages ahead. Because of our respect for family health values, all families have choice for any of the health mandates they hold dear. In the pages ahead, you will see how we have included this theme throughout.

The great thing about perseverance, it strengthens us.

To all, have a wonderful summer!

Sandy

Ida School District 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.

To: Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Monroe County Health Department, Senator Zorn, Representative Clements, and Representative Bellino:

Ida Public Schools developed an Extended Learning Plan for our students during the summer of 2020. We provided as much choice for our families as we could while following the mandates and recommendations of the MI Safe School Return to School Roadmap for Phase 4.

As the year unfolded, we appreciated you listening to the Monroe County Superintendents when we expressed our conviction that Monroe County health metrics should guide our local health department rather than Wayne County health metrics. In keeping with the health metrics of our county and specifically our school district, we would like to continue in this spirit of local data and control guiding our county and district.

The current recommendations by the MDHHS Year-end Recommendations, updated on June 1, 2021, are based on epidemiology from around the state. We are following the recommendation by our local health department, which is to follow the CDC recommendation that schools continue their current COVID – 19 prevention strategies for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The MDHHS mask mandate expires on July 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm.

CDC, MDHHS and MCHD provide recommendations, suggestions and requirements that are in contradiction to one another, leaving the schools and families confused as to what to follow. These recommendations, suggestions and requirement hold legal weight and are not always in line with our local health metrics while greatly reducing the latitude schools have in making decisions that are best for their students. These also greatly reduce the parent's latitude in making decision that are best for their children.

Allowing unelected agencies to issue ad hoc orders has not served our schools and communities well, and the government should take steps to ensure greater accountability to the public. To this end and to help enable local control and all voices being heard, we request our legislators be involved in the decision-making process for our schools and communities. They represent our local schools. They represent our local families.

Ida Public Schools is planning on following Phase 6 in the Roadmap to Learn Plan for fall which is back the pre-pandemic scenario: Traditional learning for all students, 5 days a week and the full offering of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. We will also offer virtual options, so all families have choice. The cognitive - social – emotional – mental health components for all our students make this pursuit imperative.

We are steadfast in the following requests to ensure all our families feel safe and prepared for fall:

- The Governor, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Monroe County Health Department and our legislators will communicate to parents and schools the next phase in the Roadmap to Learn Plan by July 1, 2021. Parents and schools need time to prepare. Parents need time to make educational choices for their child well before the start of school. Schools need time to prepare choices for instruction should the State deviate from Level 6 and require instead of offering choice for broad and specific recommendations and suggestions.
- We are requesting that the broad epidemic orders that are being lifted on July 1, 2021 apply to the fall, including the mask mandate.
- If the MDHHS determines athletic testing is beneficial, parents will be given the opportunity to sign a waiver to not test, and the child will not be penalized. Choice is ensuring families core values are respected

which is the embodiment of public education. We will not ask to see vaccine documents. This protects the privacy of our families. This would be the responsibility of the health department.

- If the MDHHS determines a vaccine for COVID will be required, parents will continue to be given the opportunity to sign a waiver, with no penalty, as is the current practice for immunizations.

- We request that students not be given different privileges or opportunities based on a health choices which is keeping with our interpretation that all students have equal access to all educational opportunities.

We are asking to have a response to our request as to the progress of the plan for fall before July 1, 2021.

Respectfully,

Ida Public School Board and Superintendent (All signatures)

Ida Public Schools

COUNTY OF MONROE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION FOR IDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021 – 2022 LEARNING PLAN

A meeting of the Board of Education of **Ida Public Schools** was held on the **7th day of June 2021**.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Mero Jr, President

PRESENT: Members Lauren Calkins, Matt Darr, Jamie Hunter, Sarah Lambert, Mike Mero Jr, Heather Schafer and Ryan Winkelman

ABSENT: Members None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by member Ryan Winkelman and supported by member Heather Schafer.

WHEREAS the CDC, MDHHS and MCHD provided broad and specific recommendations, suggestions, and requirements that, at times, were in contradiction to one another leaving the schools and families confused as to what to follow and

WHEREAS these broad and specific recommendations, suggestions and requirements hold legal weight while reducing the latitude schools have in providing choices for their families and

WHEREAS, due to COVID – 19, schools and parents in the past 15 months continually were given little or no notice with changes that impacted family and school schedules and

WHEREAS these broad and specific recommendations, suggestions and requirements impacted parents' choices and rights in making the best health decisions for their family as local and county health metrics and community immunities improved and moved away from a state of emergency and

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, to access a free public K – 12 education, which we believe includes co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and

WHEREAS the MDHHS and MHSAA required student athletes to complete a Rapid COVID -19 Antigen Test to participate in athletics and

WHEREAS the district was not allowed to offer choice to families regarding testing for athletes and

WHEREAS the MDHHS and the MHSAA gave the responsibility of the Rapid COVID - 19 testing to school personnel and

WHEREAS Ida Public Schools is not a health clinic or a health care provider and

WHEREAS the fact that Rapid Antigen COVID – 19 Testing and vaccine verification provided different opportunities for our students is not in keeping with our definition of a free public K – 12 education and

WHEREAS the inquiry if a student has been vaccinated gives the burden of personal health inquiry and determinations to the schools which should remain with the family's health care providers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The District requests Ida to be able to operate under the Phase 6 in the MI Safe School Return to School Roadmap for summer school and fall based on our local cases and data and
2. The district beseeches the Governor, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Monroe County Health Department, in collaboration with our legislators, to develop and communicate to parents and schools a MI Safe School plan by July 1, 2021 and the plan includes as much choice as possible to honor the core values of our families and
3. The District requests that the Legislature ensures that students will not be granted differential access and allowances in the classroom, and in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, specifically based on health choices by the family and
4. The District requests MDHHS continue the immunization waiver option.

Heather L. Schaber Secretary of Ida Public School Board of Education.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Ida Public Schools Monroe County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on June 7, 2021 the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Metric 1: Trend of Ida Public Schools - Staff/Students Quarantined & Positive

Month	Students Quarantined (quarantine start date was in month listed)	Staff Quarantined (quarantine start date was in month listed)	Students Reported Positive	Staff Reported Positive
September	5	0	0	0
October	19	17	0	4
November	114	8	14	4
December	41	5	5	5
January	62	5	5	3
February	19	3	6	1
March	294	9	23	2
April	214	5	27	0
May	19	0	4	0
June (to date 6/4)	0	0	0	0

Metric 2: Michigan Dashboard

Date	**Daily Deaths in Michigan**
5/24	33
5/25	24
5/26	31
5/27	16
5/28	28
5/29	16
5/30	20
5/31	18
6/1	16
6/2	12
6/3	16
6/4	10
6/5	3
6/6	2
6/7	Not available

Date	**7-Day Average of Deaths in Michigan**
4/18/2021	65
4/25/2021	74
5/2/2021	65
5/9/2021	63
5/16/2021	51
5/23/2021	37
5/30/2021	24
6/6/2021	11

MI SAFE START

Phase 6

Virus Status

✓ Post-Pandemic.
✓ Few, if any, active COVID-19 cases locally.
✓ Community spread not expected to return.
✓ Sufficient community immunity and availability of treatment.

How to Keep School Communities Safe

✓ Practice good hygiene.

School Operating Status

✓ Open for in-person instruction.

Essential Actions and Safety Protocols

✓ Safety Protocols

Safety Protocols

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Personal Protective Equipment

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Hygiene

Recommended

- ☐ Provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and older students, paper towels, and tissues).
- ☐ Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ☐ Systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- ☐ Encourage staff and students to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Spacing and Movement

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Screening Students

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Responding to Positive Tests Among Staff and Students

REQUIRED

- ☐ In the event of a lab or clinically diagnosed case of COVID-19 among staff or a student, the classroom or areas exposed must be immediately closed until cleaning and disinfection can be performed.
  - ☐ If the person was in the school building without a facial covering, or large areas of the school were exposed to the person, short term dismissals may be required to clean and disinfect the larger areas. This decision must be made in concert with the local public health department.
- ☐ Cleaning staff must wear a surgical mask when performing cleaning of these areas along with gloves and face shield.

Food Service, Gatherings and Extracurricular Activities

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Athletics

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Cleaning

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Busing and Student Transportation

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Medically Vulnerable Students and Staff

- ☐ Safety protocols no longer required.

Ida Public Schools Board of Education Meetings

At their annual organizational meeting, the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal year 2021. Twelve of the regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the high school library, unless the Board of Education determines a more appropriate site is available. Remaining meetings:

June 21, 2021 **Regular Business Meeting**

Board of Education

Michael Mero, Jr.
Board President

Jamie Hunter
Board Vice-President

Matt Darr
Board Treasurer

Heather Schafer
Board Secretary

Lauren Calkins
Board Trustee

Sarah Lambert
Board Trustee

Ryan Winkelman
Board Trustee

Administration

Sandra Kreps
Superintendent of Schools

Chuck Fuller
High School Principal

Stacy Maynard
Assistant Principal

David Eack
Middle School Principal

Bert Wagner
Elementary Principal

Sarah Ash
Curriculum Director

Chad Baas
Business Manager

Bob Cherry
Maintenance

John Elkins
Transportation

Ryan Kisonas
Technology Director

Pam Oberski
Food Service Director

Tim Leonard
Athletic Director

Ida Public Schools Telephone Directory• District (734) 269-9003

Elementary School: K – 4
269-3605 or Ext. 3501
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 7:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Principal: B. Wagner	3500
Secretary: J. Wehner	3501
Secretary: B. Clymer	3502
Student Services Provider: D. Banker	3520

Middle School: 5 – 8
269-2220 or Ext. 2502
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: D. Eack	2500
Secretary: T. Getzinger	2502
Secretary: M. Hosler	2503
School Counselor: J. Butz	2504

High School: 9 - 12
269-3485 or Ext. 1502
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Student Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.

Principal: C. Fuller	1500
Assistant Principal: S. Maynard	1501
Secretary: W. Hiteshew	1502
Secretary: R. Nowak	1503
School Counselor: K. Riley	1506
School Counselor: C. Ryan	1505

Central Office
269-3110 or Ext. 4003
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Superintendent: S. Kreps	4000
Secretary: J. Dressel	4002
Transportation: J. Elkins	4001
Secretary: C. Guthrie	4003
Building & Grounds: B. Cherry	4001

Business Office Ext. 5002

Business Manager: C. Baas	5003
Bookkeeper: D. Nieuwkoop	5002
Payroll: C. DuCharme	5001

Special Areas

Athletic Director: T. Leonard	269-3485 or 1504
Curriculum Director: S. Ash	HS-1510, MS-2510
Food Service Director: P. Oberski	3510
Technology Director: R. Kisonas	5005
School Social Worker: R. Tinney	ES-3036, MS-2520
School Psychologist: T. Stockton	ES 3036 MS-2518 HS-1518