

Dear Wildcat Community,

Did you ever imagine that when we released students for Spring Break, they would not return to school? Virtually overnight we moved to a Distance Learning model that plowed new ground and changed the daily lives of students, teachers and parents. Through your feedback - we learned many lessons about what worked, what did not and how to do a better job with distance learning in the future.

Parents – a big “Thank You” for your support and assistance during this time – you were awesome.

The District is receiving many questions about what the future looks like in regards to a return to school.

Morenci School District is currently planning to open school doors for the 20-21 school year on Wednesday, July 29. Our goal is to provide your student a quality education without compromising their health and safety.

What will that look like? We value the traditional school model that is built around a strong student – teacher relationship and face-to-face interactions with teachers and peers. Although still in the planning stages – you can expect increased hygiene practices, daily temperature checks of students and staff - and an emphasis on maintaining space with peers. We will encourage wearing masks and ask parents to be hyper vigilant about not sending sick kids to school. The District will follow any local, county or state directives.

For those who have health concerns or who are simply not comfortable returning to school – Some good news, students can remain a part of the Wildcat Community by enrolling in Morenci Schools Online. The District recently applied to the State Board of Education to offer this program which will allow students to complete your school work at home with the full support of Morenci School District Staff. Students participating online may transfer to the Morenci School District traditional model at any time without loss of credit.

Whether you attend school physically or online, your student will continue to be a part of the Morenci Wildcat Family.

I would emphasize these are our plans today – the demographics of COVID-19 and related actions by government entities and local agencies could cause us to modify these plans. We will stay in close communication as we approach the start of school.

Finally, we would like to know how you feel about the start of school with COVID-19. Please take a minute to follow this link and respond to the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/75FBV6W>

Sincerely,

David Woodall