



Nord Country School

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August 14, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

Please accept the following as our application for a waiver in order to allow students back on campus. Our plan is to bring our youngest students back to school (kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades) as well as up to 5 students in grades 3 – 5 who have a very high need to work with their intervention/support provider one-on-one at school.

You can find our Reopening and Safety Plan on our website at www.nordcountryschool.org under important documents on the home page of the web site. It is also posted on the documents page. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Dahlgren". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathy Dahlgren, Principal/Superintendent

Butte County Waiver Application Cover Form

(for use by a Local Education Agency or equivalent)

Instructions:

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district please submit one application for elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

Background Information:

Name of Applicant/District (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent):

Nord Country School

School Type: Traditional Public School
 Charter School
 Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of Schools: 1 Enrollment: 190

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: Kathy Dahlgren

Address: 5554 California Street
Address Line 1 & 2

Chico, CA, 95973
City State Zip

Proposed Grades Reopening: TK K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th
Proposed # of Students per Grade: 20 20 20 5 5 5 5

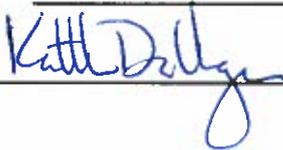
Proposed Reopening Date: 9/8/2020 or sooner

School Website Link where the Reopening Plan is Posted:

www.nordcountryschool.org

Name of Person Completing Application: Kathy Dahlgren

Phone Number: 891-3138 Email: kdahlgren@nordk8.org

Signature:  Date: 8/17/2020

■ Parent and Community Organizations

Parents were kept informed of the return to school plans through letters, emails and surveys.

The Administrator participated in many countywide discussions with other school leaders throughout the summer and also served on the County Reopening Committee.

Multiple meetings with the school Administrator and the BCOE After School Program Site Coordinator here held throughout the summer. Discussions revolved around how the ASP program would follow our school guidelines and help support our students. The ASP is in total agreement with our plan of keeping staff and students in their own cohorts throughout the day.

II. Elementary School Reopening Plans

Please confirm that elementary school reopening plan(s) addressing following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department, have been published on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent):

■ Cleaning and Disinfection: How shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected and how use of shared items will be minimized.

■ Cohorting: How students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.

■ Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School: How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

■ Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear: How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced.

■ Health Screenings for Students and Staff: How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.

■ Healthy Hygiene Practices: The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.

■ **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff, including contact information, to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.

■ **Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.

■ **Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application, enforcement of the plan, and information related to testing and contact tracing requirements.

■ **Testing of Students and Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections in accordance with CDPH guidance.

■ **Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.

■ **Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, parents, and the local health department about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.

Additional Resources:

CDPH and Cal/OSHA Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

California Department of Education Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/strongertogether.asp>

CDPH COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Schools%20Reopening%20Recommendations.pdf>



Nord Country School COVID-19 Reopening and Safety Plan 2020-2021

Our staff and School Board have worked to develop this plan for reopening school as soon as possible. It has been based on current guidelines distributed by the California Public Health Department and the Butte County Public Health Department. These plans are based on the information we have today and may need to be modified if we receive any new directives from these organizations. Keeping our students, staff, and families safe during this unsettled time is a top priority for Nord Country School.

General Measures

- We have established and will maintain direct contact with Butte County Public Health (BCPH), Butte County Office of Education (BCOE), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and California Department of Education (CDE) during this pandemic to remain up-to-date with all information they share.
- This plan will be reviewed and updated as needed to match the changing needs of this unprecedented situation.
- Our campus will be evaluated and inspected daily for compliance with this document, board policy and the current guidelines.
- Staff will regularly review updated guidance from the state including the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education.
- Nord Country School has updated their Injury and Illness Prevention policy (IIPP) to address the unique circumstances during the COVID-19 crisis.

Promoting Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Prior to school starting, all staff will be trained in proper hygiene practices and will be guided in the process of teaching their students the same practices through modeling, informational posters, and practice.

- Students and staff will thoroughly wash their hands with soap, for at least 20 seconds, throughout the day and before and after eating, after touching shared surfaces (doorknobs, etc), and before and after using the restroom.
- Fragrance free hand sanitizer (ethyl-alcohol based and at least 60% alcohol) will be available in each classroom and in common areas such as the office, cafeteria, and restrooms. Children under nine years of age should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision.
- Outdoor hand washing stations will be strategically placed around campus and students will be trained in their use.
- Handwashing signage will be put up in all classrooms and inside and outside of bathrooms.
- Staff will teach and regularly review with students to not touch the face or face covering.

Protective Equipment

Face Coverings

- Face coverings must be used according to the [CDHP Guidelines](#) particularly in indoor environments such as the classrooms and the Office, on the bus. etc.
 - All staff is required to wear masks inside the classrooms and outside of the classrooms if social distancing is not possible.
 - Students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade: masks are strongly encourage and recommended but not required
 - Students in 3rd grade and above: masks are required
- Teachers will reinforce and teach the students in their proper use, including not touching the face, washing hands after repositioning the mask, and proper placement of the mask.
- The CDPH guidance on face coverings will be distributed to both staff and families.
- Face covering will be provided to students who inadvertently forget theirs from home.
- Unless exempt from wearing a face covering, we will exclude students from campus if they refuse to comply with our face covering requirements.
- Nord Country School will provide masks should an employee or student need one.

Other Protective Equipment

- We will provide custodial staff the necessary personal protective equipment for cleaning and disinfecting.
- We will ensure adequate PPE supplies are maintained at all times for students and staff

Teacher and Staff Safety

- Staff is required to maintain physical distancing from each other to the greatest extent possible.
- Support Staff assignments have been rearranged to minimize contact with more than one group of students.

- All Staff meetings will be conducted via Zoom or with proper social distancing practices being enforced.
- Staff will work to minimize the congregation of adults in the staff room, office, and other settings.

Cleaning, Disinfecting and Ventilation

- Cleaning and Disinfecting supplies will be approved for COVID-19 use and listed on the [Environmental Protection Agency Approved List](#).
- All areas of the campus will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each school day.
- Frequently touched surfaces (doorknobs, light switches, sink handles, bathrooms surfaces, etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times throughout the day.
- Middle school teachers will disinfect their classroom between classes.
- Safety Coordinator along with our 2 facility staff will ensure that all cleaning and disinfecting is completed as stated.
- Each classroom will have a supply of appropriate cleaning and disinfecting supplies.
- PE equipment will be disinfected between uses.
- Playground equipment will be assigned to classrooms to minimize cross-contamination and it will be disinfected daily.
- Ventilation will be maximized in the classrooms to the extent possible by opening windows and doors where practical.
- Special filters with a rating of MERV 11 or better will be installed in all HVAC systems to provide enhanced filtration.
- Class materials such as glue sticks, pens, pencils, crayons, and manipulatives will be assigned to individual students, stored in a plastic pencil box belonging to that student, and no sharing of these materials will be allowed. Middle school students will be asked to store the supplies in their backpacks, a zipper pouch is recommended but not provided.
- Textbooks will be assigned to students, stored in their personal desks and not shared. Each teacher will implement practices for turning in assignments that will minimize contact.
- Chromebooks will be assigned to individual students so that they are not shared.

Physical Distancing

Arrival and Departure

- Student cohorts will be assigned to specific entry/departure gates for the campus:
 - Kindergarten/1st/2nd grade students will enter campus through the gate by the Office
 - 3rd/4th/5th grade students will enter campus through the gate by the cafeteria
 - 6th - 8th grade students will enter campus through the gate between the cafeteria and Room 6.
- On the bus, the appropriate spacing will be maintained between students and the driver. Ventilation will be maximized to the greatest extent possible and masks will be required.

- Parents will utilize the drop-off zone in the mornings. They will wait in vehicles until staff conducts a health screening to confirm students have no symptoms of illness. Staff will then take the student's temperature. If anyone has a temperature higher than 100.4° the parent will be asked to park and wait a few minutes to be retested.
- All staff will monitor their health and stay home if not feeling well or they do not meet the health requirements to come to work.
- No parents or parent volunteers will be permitted on campus other than in the Office for business.
- No more than one person/family/student permitted in the Office at a time. Social Distancing will be maintained as people are waiting for their turn in the Office.
- Daily end times are staggered to alleviate congestion in the front of the school. Parents are again asked to stay in their vehicle for "drive thru" pickup. Teachers will walk students to the gate at the end of the day. They will exit through the same gate they used in the mornings.
 - Kindergarten - 2nd grade students are dismissed at 2:30
 - 3rd - 5th grade students are dismissed at 2:45
 - 6th - 8th grade students are dismissed at 3:00

Classrooms

- Grades have been organized into Cohorts to minimize contact between students, teachers, and staff. The Cohorts are:
 - Kindergarten
 - 1st and 2nd grades
 - 3rd and 4th grades
 - 5th grade
 - 6th - 8th grades
- Desks and tables have been changed out and rooms rearranged to provide the most distance between students that is possible. A minimum of 5 feet of space will separate the students. Markings will be on classroom floors to ensure desks remain in place.
- All students will be at single desks facing in the same direction in both classrooms and the cafeteria.
- Recess, Lunch, and PE times have been adjusted to be able to rotate cohorts through those areas one at a time to minimize contact.

Non-Classroom Areas

- Outside seating for lunch when possible. Properly distanced seating inside the cafeteria if outside seating is not available.
- Cafeteria lunches will be delivered daily to middle school students who order one so that they do not walk thru campus to the cafeteria.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the cafeteria, outside dining patios, and the Office.
- The Lunch Server will wear a mask and gloves to serve food to the students.
- Students will remain properly distanced while they wait in line for their lunch.
- Proper distancing will be maintained during PE activities and encouraged at recess.

- Water Fountains will be turned off. Students will need to bring a refillable water bottle with them to school each day for both classroom use and PE use. They can refill the bottles at their classroom sinks.
- No lockers, Kindergarten through 8th grade, will be used this year because social distancing can not be maintained. Please provide a sturdy backpack for your child.
- The school library will not be available for student use this year. We will be providing access to [Epic!](#), a website that provides books in electronic form.
- No more than one guest (student or family) in the Office at a time. Social Distancing will be enforced as guests wait for their turn in the Office.
- Parents will not be allowed on campus beyond the Office. No Parent Volunteers will be allowed this year.

Other

- No Middle School socials will be held
- No whole school assemblies will be held
- No band or music classes will be held
- No field trips will be taken

Training and Educating All Staff and Families

- Prior to school starting, all staff will be trained in:
 - Cleaning and disinfecting practices
 - Distancing guidelines and their purpose
 - Proper screening practices and their importance
 - How COVID is spread and its symptoms
 - Proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings
 - Screening their own health conditions
 - The importance of community physical distancing measures, including discouraging students or staff from gathering elsewhere
- Prior to school starting, all families will receive information on:
 - How COVID is spread and its symptoms
 - Proper screening practices and their importance
 - Proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings
 - The importance of community physical distancing measures, including discouraging students from gathering elsewhere
 - Drop-off and pick-up procedures for before and after school
- On the first day of school teachers will instruct students on the importance and proper techniques of hand washing, social distancing, wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer, and coughing and sneezing into elbow or tissue. Direct instruction will continue at least weekly.
- Any families and/or employees that are new to Nord Country School will receive training upon joining our school community.

Screening for Signs and Symptoms

- All students will be treated with respect and care, regardless of the diagnosis of, or exposure to, COVID-19.
- Student and family confidentiality will be maintained as much as possible.
- All students and staff who exhibit symptoms will need to contact the school immediately and stay home.
- Parents will be asked if their student has any COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours, whether anyone in their home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test. Symptoms include:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - New loss of taste or smell
- Parents will be asked if they have been in close contact with any person with a positive COVID-19 test. Close contact is defined as contact within 6 feet for greater than 15 minutes.
- All students will have their temperatures taken with a no-touch thermometer by a staff member upon arriving at school and monitored throughout the day by classroom teachers.
- All students who ride the bus will also be screened, including the taking of temperatures with a no-touch thermometer, by the bus driver before being transported to school.
- Nord Country School will follow all Butte County Public Health and Butte County Office of Education guidelines if a staff member or student is diagnosed with, or exposed to, COVID-19.
- All staff will be self-monitored for signs of illness before arriving at school and throughout the day.

Plan for When a Student or Staff Member Becomes Sick

- Any student or staff member with a fever of 100.4° or more, a persistent cough, or other [COVID-19 symptoms](#) will be required to wear a face mask, wait in an isolation room for a ride (if student) and be sent home. The cohort will remain at school for instruction.
- If a student or staff member comes in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19, they will be immediately sent home to quarantine and be tested for COVID-19. The cohort will remain at school for instruction. Parents of students in that cohort will be notified.
- If a student or staff member in a cohort tests positive for COVID-19, the entire cohort will immediately be sent home to quarantine and will transfer into distance learning for at least 14 days.

- Anyone from the above scenarios that is sent home to quarantine, and then tests negative for COVID-19 can return to school once their symptoms have cleared up for three consecutive days. However, if they have been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person during that time, they will need to remain home.
- Any area used by any individual suspected of being infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 will be closed off. After a 24 hours waiting period, the area will be cleaned and disinfected.

#	Student or Staff with	Action	Communication
1	COVID-19 Symptoms	Send home and recommend testing. If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4.	No action needed
2	Close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case	Send home and quarantine for 14 days from last exposure. Recommend testing. The school/classroom remains open.	Cohort notification of a known contact
3	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	Isolate the individual and exclude from school for 14 days from symptom onset or test date. Identify contacts, quarantine and exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort) for 14 days. Notify the local public health department. Recommend testing of close contacts. Disinfect and clean classroom and primary spaces where the individual spent significant time. School remains open.	Schoolwide notification of a known case
4	Tests negative after symptoms	May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve. The school/classroom remains open.	Schoolwide notification if prior awareness of testing

Triggers for Switching Back to Online Learning

According to the California Department of Public Health, "Individual school closure is recommended based on the number of cases, the percentage of the teacher/students/staff that are positive for COVID-19, and the current guidance from the Local Health Officer. School closure will occur when there are multiple cases in multiple cohorts or when at least 5 percent of the total number of teachers/students/staff have cases within a 14 day period."

Currently, we may reopen after 14 days and the following have occurred:

- Thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the campus
- Consultation with the local public health department

Communication Plans

- We have designated our school Administrator, Kathy Dahlgren, as the liaison responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.
- Student and staff absenteeism will be monitored.
- The school will make phone calls and use the email/text messaging system set up in School Wise to communicate with staff and families regarding potential school exposures, closures or changes to our schedule.
- We will provide guidance to both parents and staff reminding them of the importance of community physical distancing measures while not on campus.
- We will maintain regular communication with the local public health department.

Teacher Meeting Agenda
Tuesday June 16th

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, July 9	Meeting
Monday, July 13	Meeting
Thursday July 16	Meeting

1. End of the year
 - a. How is everyone?
 - b. Distance Learning
 - c. Grades/Report Cards

2. County Numbers
 - a. Everyone's big question – What is next August going to look like?

3. informal meetings in July if you are able to attend.
 - a. Let's keep in touch through the summer

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Return to School

Questions Responses

Staff survey
June 23, 2020

Return to School

We want to hear how you are feeling about returning to school in August.

What is your name? *

Short answer text

How comfortable do you feel returning to school full time in August? *

Very comfortable, no hesitation 46.7% (7)

Comfortable but I have hesitations 46.7% (7)

Not very comfortable

I do not feel like I can come back to school to work in August 6.7% (1) This person works at 4 different schools (back office)

If you have hesitations, what would make you more comfortable? Check any that may apply.

Students and staff wearing masks 25%

Maintaining 6 ft social distancing guidelines at all times

Learning more about what safety precautions will be taken 50%



Not letting students play on the playground

Other 50%

What have you been thinking of? Share your ideas.

Long answer text

Please share any other questions or concerns?

Long answer text



NIGHTHAWK NEWS

SUMMER EDITION – JUNE 29, 2020

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

The social, emotional and physical health and safety of our students, staff, and families is of the utmost importance. We have been gathering information from the California Department of Education, the Butte County Office of Education and Butte County Public Health Department to look at guidelines for reopening school. Guidance is constantly changing. Currently, some of the health and safety precautions we are planning to implement include:

- Recommending families take their child's temperatures daily before sending students to school. Anyone with a fever of 100.4 F or higher should not come to school.
- Encouraging all students and staff to wash/clean their hands regularly. Handwashing stations will be made available outside by the classrooms to ensure we have multiple areas for handwashing.
- Continuing to educate and reinforce the importance of properly covering mouths when coughing or sneezing.
- Limiting the number of adult volunteers on campus.
- Recommending masks for all students and face shields for all teachers unless more restrictive mandates come from the state or County.

Social distancing is said to help limit the spread of the virus. We will consider the following strategies to maintain smaller groups of students in shared spaces:

- Modified recess and lunch schedules to limit the number of students on the playground with time between grade groups for sanitizing tables, bars, and swings etc.
- Social distancing in the classroom as much as feasible
- No large gatherings such as socials, field trips, contact sports or indoor morning assemblies

We will be reopening on August 19th with 2 options. See a short description of these options below.

On-campus Learning

For those families who feel comfortable having their students on campus with the above mentioned health precautions in place.

Students will come to campus for learning. Learning will take place in the usual manner.

LONG TERM INDEPENDENT STUDY

For those families who would like to stay at home and have a more flexible school day.

Families will meet with the Independent Study teacher and the Administrator before school starts to review program requirements, review curriculum choices and to sign a Master Agreement.

Families will meet with the Independent Study teacher and the Administrator before school starts to review program requirements, review curriculum choices and to sign a Master Agreement.

Although the parent acts as the instructor for all subjects, the Independent Study teacher will support families by making assignments, setting goals and meeting with students and parents at least twice a month. During these meetings, questions can be answered and support can be provided on assignments. Students are required to do school work every day. The work will be collected and graded by the independent study teacher.

Students will not lose their seat in their classroom. At the trimester (or semester for middle school) students may transfer back into the classroom.

Please take the following survey to choose the option that you feel best fits your family's needs. This is not a binding decision. It will simply give us information to help us plan. Final decisions will need to be made at the beginning of August.

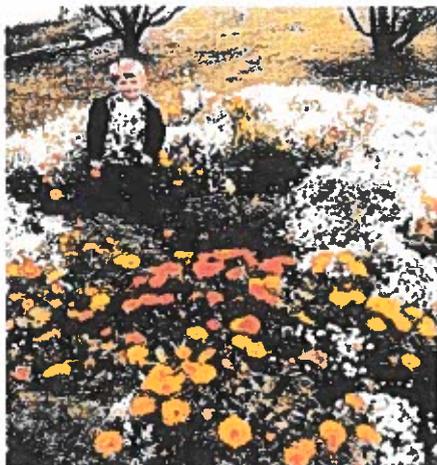
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We will continue to monitor guidance from health officials and implement plans best tailored to meet the needs of our families. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through email, kdahlgren@nordk8.org or by calling the school phone 891-3138.

NEW WELL BEING DRILLED

Work has begun on our new well. They are going down 500 feet where they will find clean water with much lower nitrate levels.

This means that, when the well is completed, we will be able to remove the filter systems underneath all of the sinks in the classrooms and water fountains.



GARDEN BEAUTY

Mark has been working daily throughout the summer in our garden and front of the school. Campus looks beautiful!

Thanks for all you do Mark!



Return to School Parent

Questions Responses

Sent out
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Return to School Parent Survey

Nord Country School will be providing 2 options when we return to school in August.

The first option is an on-campus option where students will come to school to learn in the classroom. Some of the health and safety precautions we are considering include: adding hand washing stations in front of the classrooms, modifying recess and lunch schedules to limit the number of students on the playground (1 or 2 classes instead of 3), moving to single desks in most classrooms to help with social distancing, increasing cleaning throughout campus, encouraging masks for older students and teachers, and limiting the number of adult volunteers on campus.

The second option is long term independent study. This option would be for families who would feel more comfortable with learning from home. Parents and students meet with the independent study teacher to review the program, review curriculum and to sign the master agreement. Although parents act as the instructor for all subjects, the independent study teacher will support families by setting goals, creating assignments, supporting student with lessons and meeting with families at least every other week. Students will NOT lose their seat in their regular classroom and may move back into the on-campus option at the trimester (or semester for middle school students) if requested.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. This is NOT a binding decision! It will simply give us information to help us plan. You can do more research by checking out several resources posted on our school's website at www.nordcountryschool.org. We will be reaching out again in mid July to give you another update and we should have a firm plan in the beginning of August. Thank you for your patience and support.

What is your name? *

Short answer text

In which grade(s) do you have students? *

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2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

Which option do you feel is best for your family? Please try to mark one of the first 2 choices. *
This will help us for planning purposes. This IS NOT a binding decision!

On campus learning

Long Term Independent Study

I cannot decide at this time

Is your decision the same for all of your students? *

Yes

No

Unsure

N/A



Long answer text

Do you have any other questions or comments at this time?

Long answer text





Return to School Parent

Questions Responses 3/3

Answers
to Survey
sent 7/1
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143 responses

Accepting responses



Summary

Question

Individual

What is your name?

143 responses

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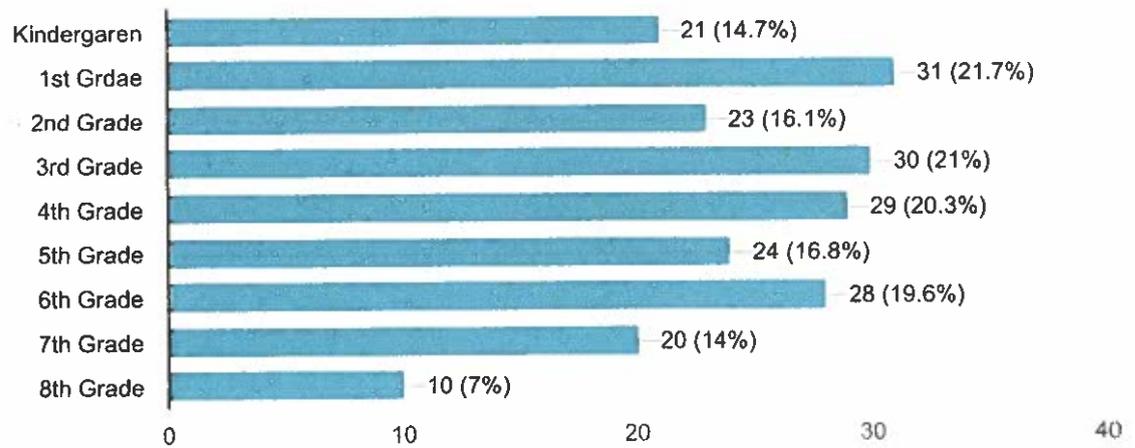
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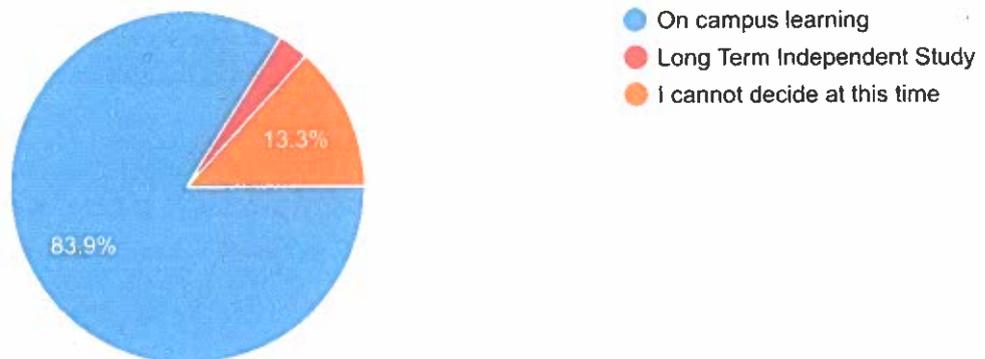
In which grade(s) do you have students?

143 responses



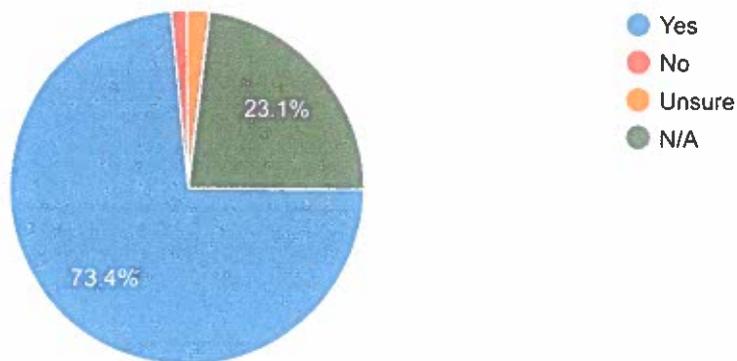
Which option do you feel is best for your family? Please try to mark one of the first 2 choices. This will help us for planning purposes. This IS NOT a binding decision!

143 responses



Is your decision the same for all of your students?

143 responses



If you cannot decide at this time, please let us know what information would help you to make a decision.

35 responses

Masks requirements and any type of isolation for the kids from their classmates...such as no lunch together, not being able to play together, etc. any thing that would cause more harm than good. Socializing is important to our family. And we are not ok with required masks for the kids. These things would stand in the way of a decision.

None

I do not plan to send either of my children to school if they are required to wear a mask.

With Covid-19 cases spiking I can't make a decision right now.

NA

The precautions that would be taken.

We are deeply conflicted and very saddened by the idea of keeping our child home for the semester or year. We feel so strongly about her being able to attend school and be with her peers and friends. However, we are not satisfied with the proposed safety precautions and would not be comfortable

Do you have any other questions or comments at this time?

71 responses

No

Please take our kids! We love school

No

The masks are optional or mandatory?

Thank you for providing on campus learning! Let us know if there is anyway we can help make this happen!

Thank you for sending this update! We appreciate your leadership at Nord Country!

What grade is considered when stating "older kids will wear masks"?

Not right now

We will continue to constantly reevaluate the safety of going to on campus school and distance

Teacher Meeting Agenda
Tuesday July 13th



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, July 16

Next Meeting

Monday, July 24 - 28

Jesse's off

1. Still planning to have students on campus
 - a. Switching out tables for single desks
 - b. Please clear off large tables, we need to move them out
2. Cases are rising
 - a. What happens if we go on the monitoring list?
3. Ongoing meetings



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July 25, 2020

Dear Families,

Last week Mary Sakuma, Butte County Office of Education's Superintendent of Schools, released a joint statement with Butte County Public Health announcing the following: "Butte County was placed on the State's Monitoring List on July 22 due to a COVID-19 rate above 100 per 100,000 residents over a 14 day period...Until Butte County is off of the State Monitoring List for 14 consecutive days, all Butte County schools may only provide distance learning."

This means that, like all Butte County Schools, Nord Country School will not be allowed to reopen in person. We are still planning on offering **2 options** for the fall. On-campus learning is changing to online learning where students will be learning at home and receiving instruction from their regular classroom teacher. We are also still offering a long term independent study program as well. Online learning will move back to on-campus instruction as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Long term independent study students can only move back to campus at the beginning of a new trimester or semester for middle school students.

We know that students and parents will be disappointed by these changes. Teachers were really looking forward to seeing their students, and are extremely sad to know that they will not be back to their classrooms to teach in-person. We have an amazing staff who will create meaningful learning experiences for your children and will provide necessary support to keep them engaged in school. Even though students are again learning from home, I assure you, education this fall will look and feel very different than the "crisis" learning from last spring in both rigor and accountability.

Guidance continues to be released from the State and County almost daily. **You will receive detailed information by the end of the week explaining both our Online Learning and Long Term Independent Study programs and how to register for the program in which you would like your child/children to participate.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We know that this is a very difficult time for all of our families. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

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Principal/Superintendent
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Zoom parent
meeting 7/31/20

Nord Country School

Return to School Plan

Governor Newsom's Announcement July 17, 2020

- ▶ The Governor announced that counties are able to have their schools return to on-campus learning as long as they are not on the County Monitoring List.
- ▶ All planning had been based on the fact that Butte County was not on the list. However, on July 22nd everything changed. We were put on the list and currently, in person learning on campus is not possible.

As of July 29th
2 Options for 2020 - 2021 School Year

- ▶ **Online Learning**
- ▶ **Long Term Independent Study**

On-line Learning

- ▶ **Program Choice #1**
 - ▶ Classroom teachers will provide lessons and learning opportunities through Zoom and Google Classroom daily.
 - ▶ Daily interaction with students is required.
 - ▶ Attendance is required to be taken every day by 8:30 am. Some classes will start on zoom while others may start with more independent activities.
 - ▶ This option automatically has students return to on-campus learning when Butte County is off the monitoring list for 14 days.

The Difference Between Last Year's Distancing Learning and This Year's Online Learning

- ▶ Last year teachers had only days of notice before they were required to teach their students online. They now have much more experience and continue to research distance learning strategies.
- ▶ Last year attention was placed on having families do what they could. Although all learning was encouraged, there were no attendance requirements.
 - ▶ **This year attendance is taken every day.**
- ▶ The combination of online lessons and independent work is required to be:
Kinder: 180 min. 1st - 3rd: 230 min. 4th - 8th: 240 min.

Monitoring List/Re-opening

- ▶ In order to get off of the monitoring list, the total number of cases in the county over a 14 day period must be lower than 100 per 100,000 people.
- ▶ There are approximately 219,000 people in Butte County so that would be an average of only 15 cases a day for 14 days.
- ▶ Once we are off the monitoring list, the county needs to stay off of the monitoring list for 14 days.
- ▶ When that happens, we will open quickly because once we open, it won't matter if the county goes back on the monitoring list. If we open, we can stay open (unless we get Covid cases on campus).

-WHEN WE CAN RETURN-

On Campus Health & Safety Precautions

- Face covering required for all staff
- Masks (*per Governor's order*)
 - Recommended and encouraged for students kindergarten - 2nd grade
 - Required for students 3rd - 8th
- Handwashing stations out by classrooms
- Hand sanitizer stations in every classroom
- Single desks facing the same way with 5 ft. spacing
- No visitors/parent volunteers on campus
- Special Hepa Filters in HVAC systems

Health and Safety Precautions cont.

- Grade pods to stay together throughout the day
K/1, 2/3, 4/5, 6-8
- Separate entrances to get temperature taken
 - K/1 students will enter through the gate by the office
 - 2/3 students will enter through the gate in front of the cafeteria
 - 4/5 and middle school students will enter through the walk-in gate
- Staff will also stay with "pod"
- No sharing of classroom materials
- No field trips
- No middle school socials

Long Term Independent Study

▶ Program Choice #2

- ▶ Parents take the role of the primary educator, providing the daily academic instruction for all subjects. There will be rigorous assignments with a high level of accountability.
- ▶ Schoolwork must be completed every school day according to our school calendar. The work schedule however, is left up to the parent.
- ▶ There will be regularly scheduled meetings with the independent study teacher who will provide needed support, collect work samples and make any modifications that become necessary.
- ▶ Success in independent study requires motivation and a strong commitment on the part of the student and his or her parents/caregivers.
- ▶ Students enrolling in this program will NOT lose their classroom spot during the 2020/2021 school year.

Independent Study Teacher Mrs. Falyn Beshwate

Mrs. Beshwate will set up a meeting with parents and students to initiate enrollment in the long term independent study program before school starts. A master agreement will be signed and she will review program requirements and curriculum.

Regular meetings will be held throughout the school term.

Limited Spaces in Independent Study

- We only have room for approximately 26 students in our I.S. program.
- Students who are medically compromised or have a family member who is medically compromised will have priority for this program.

Orientation

- ▶ ***For those in the online program,*** the classroom teachers will conduct a parent orientation meeting before school starts. Small groups of 2 to 3 parents will meet at a time here at school. At this time you will get a chance to meet your child's teacher, receive any passwords your student may need and talk about what the "school day" schedule will look like. You will also sign up for classroom communication and get any material your child may need for home.
- ▶ If you are uncomfortable coming to school, let your teacher know and a facetime meeting will be arranged.
- ▶ This time will be similar to our Back to School night presentations.

Parent Registration Selection for 2020 - 2021 Learning

- ▶ Families must register for one of the options for their student's education for the fall.
- ▶ **Your choice will be in effect until a trimester or semester break.** At that time you may choose to move your child/children into the other program. **[Anyone in the online learning program automatically moves back to on-campus learning whenever restrictions are lifted.]**
- ▶ The due date to complete your registration is Wednesday, August 5th.
- ▶ Communication will be critical. Please don't hesitate to reach out!
- ▶ Click on this link to make your choice.
<https://forms.gle/QP3e4ZEzdER5njHQ7>

Teacher Meeting Agenda Thursday August 6th

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Aug 5	Middle School Meeting 1:00
Thursday, Aug 6	Teacher Meeting 10:00 Intervention Meeting to Follow
Wed/Thurs, Aug 12/13	Middle School Orientation
Thursday, Aug 13	Middle School and Kinder Orientation
Friday, Aug 14	Teacher Work Day/PD
Monday, Aug 17	Classified Staff Meeting 10:00
Tuesday, Aug 18	"All Staff" Staff Meeting ?? (maybe outdoors or zoom)
Wednesday, Aug 19	First Day of School

1. School Starting Time

K/1/2: 8:30

3/4/5: 8:45

Middle School: 9:00

OR

K/1: 8:30

2/3: 8:40

4/5: 8:50

Middle School: 9:00

2. Orientation

3. Communication

4. Waiver

5. Staff Development

Zoom break out rooms and white board features, Flip Grid, Screencastify, Loom, Google Slide add ons – Pear Deck, Slip and Slide

6. Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (some of the ?s)

7. I Still Need a List of Trainings You Have Attended (from some of you)

- If you don't have certificates or anything, just right them down or print me a copy of your email.

8. List of Independent Study Students

9. How will your learning be different than last spring?

10. What more can I help you with?

Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Questions

1. A description of the new roles and responsibilities of staff
2. A description of the additional supports we will provide during online learning to assist pupils with unique needs (EL, foster, homeless)
3. A description of how we will address pupil learning loss including how the LEA will assess pupils to measure learning status, particularly in ELA and math
4. A description of the actions and strategies we will use to address learning loss and accelerated learning progress for pupils as needed, including how these strategies differ for pupils who are EL, low-income, foster youth etc.
5. A description of how the effectiveness of the services or supports provided to address learning loss will be measured.
6. A description of how the LEA will monitor and support mental health and social and emotional well-being of pupils and staff during the school year, including professional development and resources that will be provided to pupils and staff to address trauma and other impacts of COVID-19 on the school community.
7. A description of how services for foster youth, EL and low-income students are being increased or improved by the percentage required.

Staff Meeting -
August 4, 2020

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6/24

Kelli Jo has been meeting w/ Crystal -
60 apps already turned in.

Pods - shes going to talk w/ Crystal
about this. All safety protocols
need to be followed in ASP. No mixing
of kids like last year.

7/8

Crystal is fine with the "pod" idea - They can do
that. What rooms?

2, 4, 7, 11 for middle school - maybe 4

Not taking any more apps at this time

KEJ will be here Mondays and Wednesdays

still ASP?

7/12

Cases are going up -
Kelli Jo wants to meet with Crystal
and me

Rm 5 furniture - will move out big
cabinet

Opening for SA¹ - Katy will be a sub
Jessica will be a sub but is applying
for position Hailey still here and
Diane College tutors?

Made sure KJ knows to train
staff on all protocols - She will do

7/20 Monday KD JJE

What happens with Distance Learning if we go back?

Still having ASP $\frac{1}{2}$ here - 10 in each class?
can't use room 5

8/3 now what? KD JJE

Planned rooms for all classes - NORD

ASP may have virtual asp?

Can BOE do something? - ~~---~~

* Let KJ know if theres anything she can do.

8/7

JK

KJ will have brochures
re virtual ASP

- Homework Help
- Activities
- Tutoring
- Virtual Field Trips

Can they do child care here like
CARD? Shall check.

When we go back to on campus for
some if can they do both - yes

Sent to K-3rd
grade parents
8/10/20

School Waiver

Butte County Public Health has released an application for schools to request a waiver in order to allow students back on campus for learning in their classrooms. The waiver is only available for students in grades K - 6th grade. Since our middle school incorporates grades 6 - 8, the waiver really only works for our K - 5th grade students.

Nord Country School is planning on applying for this waiver for our younger students. Our goal is to bring back one cohort at a time. Kindergarten and 1st grade would return to campus first and then after a couple of weeks the next cohort (2nd and 3rd grade) would return to campus. If all goes well, we may apply for another waiver for our 4th and 5th grade students.

We would love to get your feedback on the following questions. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

* Required

1. Are you in favor of Nord Country School applying for a waiver to allow Kindergarten through 3rd grade students to come back to school? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes *Skip to question 3*

No *Skip to question 2*

Reasoning

2. Can you tell us why you are not in favor of the waiver? *

Older Students

3. Do you have older students in grades 4 or 5? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes *Skip to question 4*

No *Skip to question 6*

Waiver for Older Students

4. Would you want Nord Country School to later apply for a waiver for the 4th and 5th grade students? *

Mark only one oval.

No *Skip to question 5*

Yes *Skip to question 6*

Can't decide at this time *Skip to question 6*

Reasoning

5. Can you tell us why you are not in favor of the waiver for the older students? *

Comments

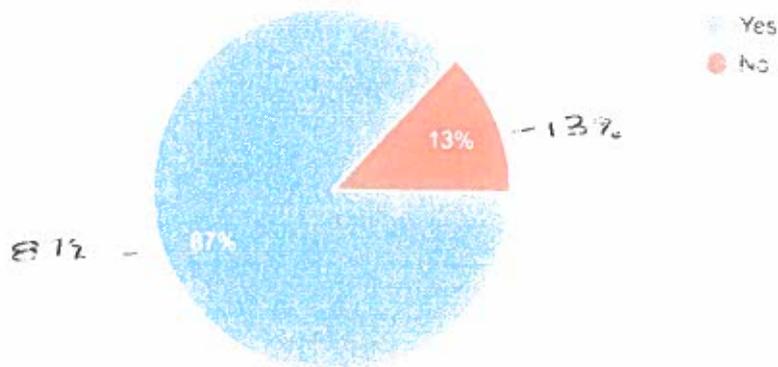
School Waiver

69 responses

Sent to K 3rd
grade parents
8/10/2020

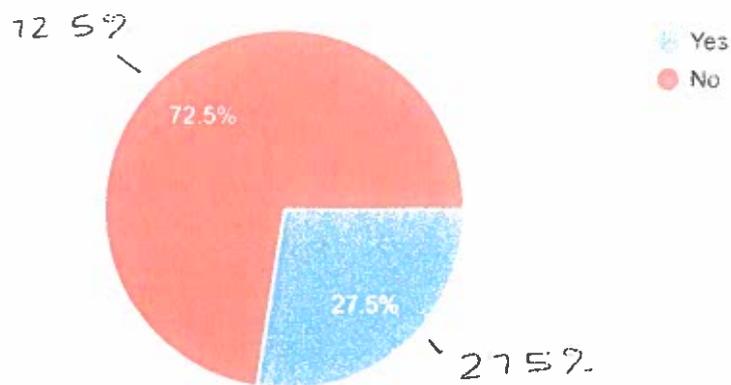
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69 responses



Do you have older students in grades 4 or 5?

69 responses



Would you want Nord Country School to later apply for a waiver for the 4th and 5th grade students?

19 responses

