

May 20, 2021

Dear Families,

We're almost there! As we look at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year, we know that families are not only looking forward to the summer, but also anticipating the start of the next school year. Rest assured that the McCall-Donnelly School District intends to open [on August 31, 2021](#) with 100% in-person teaching and learning.

Based on our best information today, you can anticipate the following:

- The school district calendar that was developed by parents, staff and the Board of Trustees will look very similar to the pre-pandemic school year of 2019-2020.
- All students will attend every instructional day.
- In order to maximize lower class sizes where possible, all staff who were teaching a remote option will return to in-person instruction and support.
- The district will continue to follow CDC and CDH guidance regarding mitigation strategies, to the greatest extent possible.
- While physical distancing may not be possible, the district has enhanced and upgraded every one of its HVAC systems to improve air exchange and quality.
- We will continue our enhanced efforts to frequently sanitize our facilities.
- We remain responsive to the pandemic and any changes it may bring.

This direction is heavily influenced by the fact that a significant number of Valley County residents are vaccinated, and anyone who is at least 12 years of age is now eligible for the vaccine. Additionally, rates of transmission are very low in Valley County today.

We are looking forward to a return to school this fall and cannot wait to begin the 2021-2022 school year!

Respectfully,

Jim Foudy  
Superintendent  
McCall-Donnelly School District