

# McCall-Donnelly Joint School District No. 421



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Dear Families and Community Members,

Our schools have worked tirelessly to make sure students and staff are safe. In addition to developing and implementing the current hybrid model, we have significantly enhanced our protection measures. All students and staff wear face coverings or masks while inside our schools, consistent with our pandemic operational plans. Physical distance is maintained, and hand washing is frequent. Every HVAC system in the district has been retrofitted to improve air quality and mitigate virus transmission. We have gone to these extensive efforts not only to maximize physical safety for our community, but because we recognize the value of in-person learning and consistency for students and families.

**Now we need your help to continue in-person learning at school.**

Contact tracing has shown that there is no evidence of virus spread within schools, so far. Contact is happening outside of schools. We saw our first significant cases the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

As you gather with friends and family over the holiday season, please do so safely. The Centers for Disease Control has guidelines for how to prevent the spread of the virus. Additionally, St. Luke's has published "Holiday Safety 2020" recommendations. That guidance is on the front page of our district website. Please be safe and avoid contact with others if you are sick.

Our shared sacrifices will increase the likelihood that we can continue to operate in-person school and maximize the safety for our community and the larger community in the state of Idaho.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Jim Foudy, McCall-Donnelly Superintendent  
Brenna Riggers, McCall-Donnelly School District Nurse  
Tim Thomas, McCall-Donnelly High School Principal  
Phil Schoensee, Heartland High School Principal and Director of Special Programs  
Jake Olson, Payette Lakes Middle School Principal  
Valerie Berg, Barbara Morgan Elementary Principal  
David Pickard, Donnelly Elementary Principal and Director of Curriculum and Assessment  
Laurie Erekson, Board Chair McCall-Donnelly School District (Zone 4)  
Jon Walker, Vice-Chair McCall-Donnelly School District (Zone 2)  
Jenny Ruemmele, Trustee McCall-Donnelly School District (Zone 1)  
Heidi Galyardt, Trustee McCall-Donnelly School District (Zone 3)  
Lewis McLin, Trustee McCall-Donnelly School District (Zone 5)

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