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## Board of Education approves back-to-school plan

The Groton Area Board of Education approved the 2020-21 Back-To-School Plan that is going to be a document that will change as time goes on. Superintendent Joe Schwan said they have had weekly calls with the Department of Health and the Department of Education and that information is constantly changing. Just last week the CDC released eight plagues of new guidance for schools. "It is a flexible document," Schwan said.

Social distancing in the classrooms is a challenge and Schwan said that six feet is not realistic. Some will be three feet.

Here are some highlights from the meeting;

Juniors and seniors will have the option to leave the campus during study hall and dual credit courses. There are 82 students that could be involved in dual credit classes.

When students arrive in school, they need to go directly to their first period class. Elementary school students will go outside in the playground area.

Could go from traditional learning to remote learning then to blended learning and hopefully back to traditional learning. Blended is having students broken down to two groups where the black group would meet Mondays and Tuesdays and the gold group meeting Thursdays and Fridays with Wednesday being the teacher prep day.

Remote learning will be done differently this year than it was last spring. Everyone will be on the same platform, called Brightspace.

Everyone should be more comfortable with the new platform, Somke said.

Students who are considered high risk can sign up for optional remote learning. They have to sign up for a full quarter. Those wanting to opt in for the first quarter have to do so by August 7, 2020.

Students need to respect other students who desire to wear a mask. People will have different opinions and Schwan warned that we don't need this to be a bullying situation.

Schwan said starting in August COVID-19 infections can be reported by school districts.

Temperatures will be taken at the elementary school prior to going to lunch and the MS/HS would be after lunch before returning to the classroom. The gym and commons areas will be used at the elementary school and the whole gym will be used at the MS/HS.

Due to contract tracing, assigned seating will be done for lunch time.

Brett Schwan said there will be no parental interaction at the elementary school, so events like donuts for dads, muffins for moms, etc., will not be held.

Eight water bottle filling stations are on order for the MS/HS building.

There was discussion on the Columbia bus route that has over 40 students. About 20 students could be taken off the bus route from the Bath area with the second shuttle going out that way to pick up those students. It would cost an additional \$9,500 to do so for the year. Schwan said he would encourage parents to bring in their children to school instead of riding the bus. The SD DOH will make the determination of close contacts.

You cannot test out of a close contact quarantine period. If you are in close contact and you are tested and the test comes back negative, you still remain in the quarantine for the full 14 days.

People want more information and Schwan said they cannot randomly give out information or may even know the information. For example, the only way the district will know if someone is positive is if the family comes in and tells the officials or the Department of Health informs the students. There will be situations where someone may post something on social media but district officials may not know anything about it. Schwan said that could be a sticky situation.

Schwan said he will want to revisit the mask policy at the August 10th meeting.

Deb said the district is very generous in its COVID-19 plan and there are choices that can be made.

The board gave the approval for the back-to-school plan.

As far as sporting events - Schwan said he is not in favor of not allowing fans. He said he would at least want the parents there in case there is an injury. "If we can't have the parents there, then I don't think we should play the game," he said.

There was discussion of not having transportation to events where



**Chad Kampa of Allied Climate Professionals is installing one of the air conditioner units at Groton Area High School. This unit will cool Wanner's room, the art room and the teacher's lounge.**

there is an overnight stay.

Definition of close contact could be changed with the advent of wearing masks.

Steve Smith said the athletes will need to be aware of their surroundings outside of school as well or they could risk being quarantined for 14 days.

The substitute teacher pay was discussed and the board agreed to reward those who are willing to be a substitute teacher during this time. The rate will be \$125 per day for the upcoming school year. The old rate was \$100 per day.

The board...

- approved the 2020-21 GTA negotiated agreement.
- Approved resignation of Chance Strom as head boys soccer coach
- Hired Kristen Dolan, EL paraprofessional for at a rate of \$11.85 an hour
- Approve educational lane change for Sydney Wilkinson from BS+15 to MS, increase of \$3,000.
- Approved educational lane change for Zne Zoellner from MS to MS+30, increase of \$1,500
- Approved two open enrollment applications
- Hired Seth Duncan as the head boys soccer coach
- Approved for Kyle Gerlach and Dalton Locke as volunteer assistant football coaches.
- Gave first reading of the COVID-19, measles and others for guidance for student communicable diseases guidelines.

**The back-to-school plan can be found on pages 8-10**

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# Groton School July 13 Regular Meeting

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 13, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Harder. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under Old Business Item #3 - remove approval of school lunch report, under Annual Reorganized New Business Item #10 - approve volunteer assistant coach, under New Business Item #11 - approve volunteer assistant coach, under New Business Item #12 - approve hiring of co-coach adviser and under New Business Item #13 - approve executive session. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve the District minutes of June 8, 2020 and June 29, 2020. Motion carried.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve June 2020 financials, agency accounts and investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve June 2020 Transportation. Motion carried.

Kevin Nehls of Allied Climate Professions addressed the board concerning possible installation of an HVAC ionization system. No action was taken.

At 8:03 pm it was moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to move to the District Budget Hearing. Weber presented the 2020-21 District Budget. No action was taken. The board returned to agenda item Old Business #6 at 8:32 pm.

Superintendent Schwan discussed COVID-19 issues as they relate to the upcoming school year. Topics included Department of Health/Department of Education conference call information, school task force meeting update, recommendations for wearing but not requiring masks in school and on buses, school calendar issues including a 4-day school week with a start time of 8:18 am and an end time of 3:39 pm, free student lunches through August 31st as per state waiver and cancelling Back-to-School Open House Picnic and Fall Athletics Meeting. Moved Flihs, second Weismantel to approve recommendations regarding COVID-19 issues. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: facility maintenance progress, bus inspections and Agency Funds account transfers to General Fund restricted accounts.

With no further old or continuing business remaining it was moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to adjourn the final 2019-20 school board meeting at 9:45 pm. Motion carried.

After a short recess, Weber convened the first meeting of school year 2020-21 at 9:53 pm and read Oath of Office statements to install Grant Rix and Steven R. Smith for three-year terms as school board members.

Weber took nominations for 2020-21 School Board President. Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to nominate Smith, cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

President Smith opened the floor for vice-president nominations. Moved by Rix, second to Flihs to nominate Weismantel, cease nominations and cast a

unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Smith appointed committee assignments for next year as follows: Building, Grounds and Transportation - Flihs and Harder, Personnel, Policy & Curriculum - Gengerke and Pharis, and Negotiations - Rix, Smith and Weismantel.

President Smith read a potential conflict disclosure statement from Business Manager Mike Weber pursuant to SDCL 23-3. In addition to contractually serving the Groton Area School District, Mr. Weber also serves as the Business Manager for the North Central Special Ed Coop. Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to authorize a waiver on the disclosure statement on the grounds that the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

President Smith read a potential conflict disclosure statement from Superintendent Joe Schwan pursuant to SDCL 23-3. Mr. Schwan's wife serves as the Opportunity Room Counselor for the school district and receives a contract for pay. Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to authorize a waiver on the disclosure statement on the grounds that the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

In discussing the consent agenda items, Weber reported that a payment on the bills report to Software Unlimited was issued in the wrong amount and would be voided, corrected, and reissued. Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the following consent agenda items with the bill correction as noted: July 2020 District bills; Rodney Freeman, Jr. and his associates of Huron as official school attorney; designate Groton Independent as official newspaper; designate Weber as custodian of all district accounts; approve engagement letter for Eide Bailly to conduct FY20 school district audit, authorize Weber to continue existing funds, establish new accounts and continue to invest and re-invest in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District; authorize Weber to publish staff salaries; designate First State Bank/Dacotah Bank as official bank depository; adopt Groton Area School District Policy Manual with such revisions as previously approved; adopt Special Education Comprehensive Plan; authorize office personnel to administer Custodial Funds and National School Lunch Program funds with oversight by Weber; authorize J. Schwan to administer or direct federal programs with Consolidated Applications for Title Programs and related ESSA compliance issues assigned to the building principals; appoint J. Schwan to act as Asbestos Compliance Officer; authorize J. Schwan or his designee to close school in emergency situations or indelument weather; authorize J. Schwan or designee to institute NSLP and School Breakfast Agreement; Adopt Food Safety Plan, HACCP-Based Standard Operating Procedures; authorize J. Schwan or designee to institute ASBSD school bus mutual assistance pact; authorize Weber to transfer petty cash and incident payment funds in accordance with SDCL 13-18-16/17; approve peripheral sports and other volunteer school workers such as chain gang, line judges, Booster Club/PAC workers, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, volunteer drivers, school board members etc., to be included in the school's worker's compensation insurance coverage and approve open enrollments #21-05 and #21-06. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 430,026.40; FIT - 40,087.77; Medicare - 16,186.40; FICA - 69,210.16; American Funds - 1,628.40; SDRS - 71,424.10; HSA - 300.00; Waddell & Reed - 3,070.00; Horace Mann - 3,032.83; Thrivent - 750.00; AFLAC - 8,407.49; Delta Dental - 9,469.42; SD Supplemental - 1,102.29; Performance Recovery - (115.31); Groton School Lunch - 230.87; Wellmark - 138,969.00; Standard Life - 1,499.01; Avesis - 683.32; Amazon - supplies, 238.57; Amazon - supplies, 238.57; ASBSD - work comp, 20,217.23; ASBSD - dues, 1,350.88; Cole Papers - supplies, 729.11; Connecting Point - services, 4,000.00; Dollar General - supplies, 21.19; EMC - insurance, 92,006.00; Hillyard - supplies, 6,885.76; Greg Kjellsen - refund, 63.25; McGraw-Hill - workbooks, 998.13; Menards - supplies, 35.95; Mike-N-Jo's - repairs, 549.06; NASCO - supplies, 143.10; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 950.84; Palmer Hamilton - casters, 116.74; Petty Cash - change, 2,500.00; QQP/Midstates - supplies, 108.00; Riddell - repairs, 2,234.13; rSchooltoday - services, 1,366.25; S&S Lumber - supplies, 3,471.15; SASD - fee, 1,328.00; SD Teacher Placement - fee, 435.00; SDACTE - fee, 303.00; SDCA - fee, 130.00; Supreme - supplies, 701.03; TIE - fee, 1,530.00; Postmaster - box rent, 208.00. Total General Fund - \$938,582.52.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - print agreement, 929.81; Amazon - chairs, 397.91; Aptegy - website fee, 6,255.00; ABC - heat detector, 45.58; AVI Systems - software, 738.56; Band Shoppe - shoes, 519.30; Connecting Point - computer equipment, 17,047.45; Don Donley - project work, 3,775.00; Green Iron Equipment - mower, 10,018.62; Harlow's - school bus, 82,156.13; House of Glass - doors, 2,401.76; NASCO - equipment, 409.42; Riddell - shoulder pads, 3,861.47; Riverside - USB adapters, 140.00; SHI - software, 3,464.94; SUI - software, 5,950.00; Teacher Innovations - software, 612.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$150,622.95.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 80,071.34; FIT - 6,693.88; Medicare - 2,989.86; FICA - 12,784.88; SD Retirement - 13,549.28; Waddell & Reed - 600.00; AFLAC - 2,885.79; Delta Dental - 2,122.02; SD Supplemental Retirement - 300.00; Wellmark - 32,187.00; Standard Life - 615.69; Avesis - 222.72; ASBSD - work comp, 4,431.13; Rebecca Erickson - grant, 879.48; Teacher Resources - supplies, 71.36; Sydney Wilkinson - grant, 840.00. Total Special Ed - \$161,244.43.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary - 6,687.64; FIT - 363.38; Medicare - 236.14; FICA - 1,009.70; SD Retirement - 906.32; AFLAC - 435.79; Wellmark - 3,052.00; Standard Life - 7.68; Avesis - 90.61; ASBSD - work comp, 1,661.69; Groton Area - transfer, 25.00; Nardini - inspection, 276.50. Total Food Service - \$14,752.45. OST Net Salary - 3,901.31; FIT - 404.48; Medicare - 147.64; FICA - 631.08; SD Retirement - 661.48; AFLAC - 491.79; Wellmark - 2,013.00; Standard Life - 69.84; ASBSD - work comp, 276.95. Total OST - \$8,597.57. Total Enterprise Funds - \$23,350.02.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$12,658.62.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 707,700.29; Other Local Sources - 43,624.25; County Sources - 3,141.47; State Sources - 7,906.04; Federal Sources - 79,681.20; Other Sources - 320,000.00. Total Receipts - \$1,162,053.25.

Moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to set time and date for regular school board meetings on the second Monday of each month and additionally on fourth Monday for the months of July, September, March, April and June, to be held in GHS Conference Room at 7:00 pm, with consideration to reschedule other meeting dates, times and places when deemed necessary or appropriate. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to designate Rix as voting member of the North Central Special Education Governing Board for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried.

Weber presented a list of outdated inventory items from staff. Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to declare the items as surplus property for disposal or resale. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to set board member salaries at \$50 per meeting and board president salary at \$75 per meeting, with mileage if applicable. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to table discussion on teacher substitute teacher pay at \$100/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to set substitute bus drivers rate at \$65/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve admission & lunch prices: Admission - Adults \$5, \$6 for doubleheader, \$45 for 10-punch ticket, \$75 for all-season pass, Grades 1 through 12, \$4; Activity Tickets - Grades 6 through 12, \$30, Grades 1 through 5, \$25; Breakfast - Adults, \$3.25, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.00, Grades JrK through 5, \$2.50; Lunch - Adults, \$4.50, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.75, Grades Jr. K through 5, \$3.25, 2nds - Grades 6 through 12, \$1.25, Grades JrK through 5, \$1.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to set OST rates at \$2.75/hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Johnson as volunteer assistant girls' soccer coach for the 2020 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second Rix to approve Carla Tracy as volunteer assistant volleyball coach for the 2020 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Flihs to hire Jasmine Schinkel as co-coach adviser for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess

at 10:18 pm and returned at 10:20 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to go into executive session at 10:21pm for personnel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4). Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 10:58 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager Steven R. Smith, President

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**Groton School  
July 27  
Regular Meeting**  
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 27, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under New Business Item #6 – approve open enrollment, under New Business Item #7 – approve open enrollment, under New Business Item #8 – first reading of changes to policy JHCC-R Student Communicable Diseases Guidelines, under New Business Item #9 – hire Seth Duncan as Head Boys Soccer Coach and under New Business Item #10 approve volunteer assistant football coaches. Motion carried.

No new potential conflicts disclosures pursuant to SDCL 23-3 were reported.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve the following consent agenda items: approve out-of-district transportation request from Webster Area School District pursuant to SDCL 13-29-4, approve open enrollment #21-07, #21-08, #21-09, #21-10, and #21-11 and approve public

school exemption #21-01. Motion carried.

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Superintendent Schwan discussed COVID-19 issues and the effects of these issues on resuming school and school-sponsored activities. A Back to School Plan 2020 was presented as a guideline for parents, students, and staff. Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the plan as presented and share it with school patrons as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to remove from the table and continue discussion on the rate of 2020-21 substitute teacher pay from the July 13, 2020 school board meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second Gengerke to set 2020-21 substitute teacher pay at a rate of \$125/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to approve 2020-21 GTA Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Rix to approve resignation of Chance Strom as Head Boys Soccer Coach. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second Pharis to hire Kristen Dolan as El Paraprofessional for the 2020-21 school year at \$11.85/hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve educational lane change for Sydney Wilkin-

son from BS+15 to MS at an increase of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve educational lane change for Anne Zoellner from MS to MS+30 at an increase of \$1,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve open enrollment #21-12. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Flihs to approve open enrollment #21-13. Motion carried.

The board reviewed first reading of recommended changes to policy JHCC-R Student Communicable Diseases Guidelines.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to hire Seth Duncan as Head Boys Soccer Coach for 2020-21 at \$2,919. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to approve Kyle Gerlach and Dalton Locke as volunteer assistant football coaches for 2020-21. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to adjourn at 9:26 pm. Motion carried.

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**Brown County  
July 21  
Regular Meeting**

JULY 21, 2020 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Vice Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Community Room, Courthouse Annex Basement, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Wiese, Feickert, and Sutton. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**  
Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of July 14th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAMS/PAYROLL:**  
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve the following claims and payroll:

Payroll: Commission \$4,285.10; Auditor \$8,720.99; Treasurer \$13,558.99; SA \$22,998.16; SVAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$6,440.37; Assessor \$12,798.93; Register of Deeds \$8,983.40; VSO \$2,403.74; GIS \$2,387.50; IT \$7,939.30; HR \$2,173.85; Sheriff \$44,073.48; Jail \$51,258.26; Court Security \$5,874.69; JDC \$24,817.38; Welfare \$2,077.70; Museum \$7,634.82; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,294.75; Fair Board \$4,886.92; 4-H \$645.66; Weed \$4,251.32; Planning & Zoning \$4,490.77; Highway \$46,157.12; Dispatch \$27,863.64; Emergency \$4,119.58; Teen Court \$639.85; JDAI \$1,596.93; 24/7 Sobriety \$615.20; Landfill \$14,560.61; Matching benefits: Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, \$118,535.90, Delta Dental \$7,100.10, Dearborn Life Insurance \$1,061.14. CLAIMS: Professional Fees: AgTerra Technologies \$70.00; AMG- Emergency \$297.03; BPro \$6,600.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$143.54; Dependable Sanitation \$38,501.80; Equature \$1,952.00; Haar Law Firm \$12.00; Kuck Law Office \$23.00; Language Line Services \$1,850.53; Lewis & Clark BHS \$534.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$126.00; Solien & Larson Engineering \$697.50; Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home \$1,800.00; US Bank \$64.97; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$367.50. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$129.21; Groton Independent \$604.76. Rentals: 446-Praxair \$26.71; Pantorium Cleaners \$111.00; Spotslam \$800.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All \$185.00; B & B Contracting \$16,053.60; Brick's TV & Appliance \$156.90; Dakota Doors \$4,994.86; Double D Body Shop \$14,937.81; Ecolab \$118.77; Eiler's Water Conditioning \$93.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$363.52; Leidholt Electric \$93.88; Pierson-Ford \$175.95; Pomp's Tire Service \$24.50; Team Laboratory Chemical \$26,100.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$101.20; US Bank \$640.96. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$138.07; Advance Auto \$1,631.57; Ag-Tegra \$3,186.64; AmeriPride \$149.13; Cash-Wa \$6,754.89; Dakota Electronics \$444.00; Dakota Oil \$100.50; Heartland Paper \$936.55; Patricia Kendall \$42.43; Menards \$802.53; NVC \$26.76; PharmChem \$126.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale \$129.13; RDO Equip. \$74.81; Team Laboratory Chemical \$25,300.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$79.26; US Bank \$12,861.57;

West Payment Center \$2,241.90. Travel & Conf.: US Bank \$87.50. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$3,743.59; AT&T Mobility \$71.24; CenturyLink \$9.90; Dependable Sanitation \$513.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$220.30; Midcontinent \$119.22; Northern Electric \$1,769.41; NWPS \$1,268.05; NVC \$1,336.30; Kelsi Thilmony-Vinger \$20.00; US Bank \$629.63; Verizon \$3,604.33. Other: JRWD \$2,520.83; Linda Baumgarten \$200.00; Craig & Peggy Bieber \$200.00; Carey Hoffman \$200.00; Debra Hove \$400.00; Arnold Lunders \$160.00; Dave Lynn \$160.00; Ann & Allen Nagel \$225.00; Susan Perleberg \$160.00; Eric & Shanda Rieker \$200.00; Dylan & Meagan Stearns \$160.00; Clean Air Systems \$480.00; Midwest Energy Ionics \$320.00; Roger Wagoner Designs \$320.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Kelsi Vinger's new wage under the JDAI grant will be \$46,000; effective 7-17-2020. Jodi Brown's Domestic Violence grant, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is \$45,000, effective 7-17-2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SUMMER FEST CONTRACT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the contract for the carnival during Summer Fest 2020: Brown County Carnival Agreement with TAS inc dba Todd Armstrong Shows, Inc. Brown County will receive thirty percent of total sales. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSE:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following liquor licenses: Hub City Soccer Club for Malt Beverage in the Brown County Clubhouse August 8th, 2020; Boys and Girls Club for Malt Beverage at the Brown County Fairgrounds Grandstand August 13-14, 2020; and Transfer of the Flying Pig liquor license to the Grandstand August 15, 2020. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert –nay, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Kippley – absent. Motion carries.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED:**

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize Vice Chair sign Quit Claim Deeds on the following properties sold by tax deed on July 13, 2020: Trent Huettl- Lots 15-16, Block 2, park Addition, Westport, South Dakota @ \$100; Homes Are Possible, Inc. – Lot 5, Block 4, Nicollet park Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, South Dakota @ \$5,000; Joseph R. Fischer – West 42' Lot 7 and West 42' of South 12.5' Lot 8 Block 40 Bennett and Thomas Addition to North Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota @ \$50; Reuben or Jill Mullis-JTWROS – The West One-half (W1/2) of Lot Five (5) and all of Lot Six (6) Block Seventy-five (75), Hagerty and Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota @ \$500. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SUMMER FEST LEASES:**

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following leases during Summer Fest 2020: Hub City Soccer for lease of clubhouse August 8th, 2020 and Brown County Farmers Union for lease of Barns and grassy area August 12-15th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INMATE TRANSPORT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to increase payment for inmate transport staff to \$125 for a round trip transport of less than 400 miles. Rate takes effect July 26, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 168 – STRUCK REZONE:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt ordinance 168, an ordinance to rezone the following described property filed by Gerald Struck, amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, "Gerald and Gail Struck Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 9-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (12501 385th Ave). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert –aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Kippley – absent. Ordinance Adopted.

**ORDINANCE 169- PRAIRIE**

**HILL FARMS:**

Moved by Feickert, Wiese to adopt Ordinance 169, an ordinance to rezone the following described property filed by Prairie Hill Farms, amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, "Prairie Hill Farms First Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 34-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2046 130th St NW). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Kippley – absent. Ordinance Adopted.

**ORD 170- ADOPTION:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #170, an Ordinance to extend Ordinance 139, amending Title 4.0201- Jurisdiction and Title 5.01- General Provisions into compliance of taking over the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction being repealed by the City of Aberdeen and adopt new zoning map as an emergency measure. Ordinance extended one year through July 16, 2021. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Kippley – absent. Ordinance Adopted.

**SOUTH FIFTH STREET DUMPSTER SITE:**

LeAnn Frederickson and community members met to discuss the closing of the South Fifth Street Dumpster Site. Area residents are opposed to the closure of the dumpster. Aberdeen Rural Fire Department explained the concern for having the dumpster in front of the fire station; fire response delay and safety concerns were expressed when there is traffic in at the dumpster during an emergency. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to extend the deadline to move the dumpsters to July 1, 2021 while options for an alternate site are explored. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ROADS:**

Community residents met to discuss condition of county roads and preventative maintenance instead of reactive road maintenance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County  
Ord. 168  
Struck Rezoning**

ORDINANCE #168  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: July 1 and 8, 2020

Passed First Reading: July 14, 2020

Passed Second Reading: July 21, 2020

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ATTEST:  
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**Brown County  
Ord. 169  
Prairie Hill Farms**

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**Brown County  
Ord. 170  
New Zoning Map**

ORDINANCE NO. 170

AN EXTENSION OF ORDINANCE 139, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 AND TITLE 5, SECOND REVISION

BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

CHAPTERS 4.02 JURISDICTION SUBSECTION 4.0201 JURISDICTION AND 5.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS SUBSECTION 5.0102 JURISDICTION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that emergency ordinance 170 extend ordinance 139 to July 16, 2021. Ordinance 170, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, be amended as to Chapter 4.02 Jurisdiction Subsection 4.0201 Jurisdiction and Chapter 5.01 General Provisions Subsection 5.0102. Also, the adoption of the new zoning map as an emergency measure:

Chapter 4.02 - Jurisdiction.

Chapter 5.01 – General Provisions

To bring Title 4 and Title 5 into compliance of taking over the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction being repealed by the City of Aberdeen.

Set Hearing June 30, 2020

Publication July 8th, 2020

Public Hearing July 21, 2020

Adopted July 21, 2020

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# University faculty in S.D. fear that return to campus may lead to COVID-19 outbreaks

Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

The plan to return to face-to-face teaching and learning at colleges in South Dakota in August is causing great concern among faculty and staff who fear that campuses across the state could become sources of major outbreaks of the potentially deadly coronavirus.

Though extensive planning and preparation are underway to make campuses as safe as possible amid the pandemic, many college employees are worried that bringing thousands of young adults from across the state, country and world together in campus classrooms, residence halls and administration buildings will lead to COVID-19 outbreaks among the staff, students or their families.

"I really want to see the students again, and I want to see them face to face," said Tim Schorn, a political science professor at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. "But I'm very concerned that what we're doing on college campuses is creating the new round of COVID hot spots."



Mark Geary

A petition seeking to give students and faculty the right to decide on their own to teach and learn remotely if they do not feel comfortable returning to in-person learning has been shared among faculty since early July, and has garnered more than 100 signatures. The petition was sent to Board of Regents Executive Director Brian Maher in mid-July.

Many of the concerns center around the fact that even if protections against the virus are present in classrooms and campus buildings, students will create risks by arriving on campus after spending the summer elsewhere, by living very active and social lifestyles, by gathering in groups and by not taking preventive steps against spreading the virus in their personal time.

Mark Geary, a Dakota State University professor who is president of the statewide faculty union, said that even with mandatory mask usage, social distancing and other protective measures in classrooms and other buildings, he expects to see outbreaks of COVID-19 on campuses in South Dakota this fall.



Timothy Schorn

"My gut feeling is that if they come in and say our campuses are open, you're going to start having football games and then after-parties and then two



weeks after your first home game, you're likely to see a spike," he said. "My rough guess is that you're going to see major outbreaks on some campuses."

Geary said faculty are concerned that students may be active spreaders of COVID-19 because of their lifestyles.

"All of us go through a phase in our late teens and early 20s when we believe we're immortal, so they're in a risk-taking group," said Geary, recalling that he rode a motorcycle from Florida to Ohio without a helmet more than once when he was in college. "That's a normal part of growing up, but there's some risks you can recover from and there's some risks where you make a mistake and you can't recover from it."

The Board of Regents, which governs the university system, announced on May 1 that all six universities and two special schools in the system would return to in-person teaching for the fall semester. The six universities will begin classes on Aug. 19 and end in-person teaching on Nov. 24, with all finals exams to be administered remotely.

Universities are undergoing significant planning and preparation for the return to classes, including extensive cleaning, installation of protective barriers, providing of sanitizer and protective equipment, and reconfiguring of classrooms to ensure social distancing.

The Regents voted unanimously on Wednesday, July 22, to begin the academic year with a requirement that masks be worn inside all public buildings on campus. The Level 3 designation, the third-most stringent on a scale of 1-4, will be reviewed and could be changed after 30 days. Individual universities can also request a change in level at any time if conditions change on their campus.

Masks will also be required in indoor settings at four private colleges in South Dakota, including Augustana University, Dakota Wesleyan University, Presentation College and the University of Sioux Falls.

The decision to return to in-person learning has been vexing for college administrators across the country, as most place a high value on in-person instruction but must also balance public health risks.

The Chronicle of Higher Education is tracking re-opening plans of 1,200 colleges across America and, as of July 16, reported that 55% planned for in-person classes; 30% were implementing a hybrid model with in-person and remote classes; 10% were holding classes online only; and the rest were still in planning stages.

A vast majority of South Dakota faculty

who responded to a recent survey by the Council for Higher Education, the union that represents South Dakota faculty, do not feel confident that face-to-face teaching can be done safely on South Dakota campuses in the fall.

Only 8.6% of the 81 faculty members who responded to the survey — sent out before the mask mandate — said they were confident of a safe return. More than half said they would prefer to maintain remote learning in the fall, and about 34% said they had some concerns or significant concerns about whether it will be safe.

Brian Maher, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, said he understands the concerns of those who will soon return to campus.

"I don't think fearful is too dramatic; I think that is appropriate," Maher said. "Quite frankly, I share all those emotions; I think any citizen in the state shares those emotions."

But after a summer of planning and preparation, Maher said he feels in-person teaching and learning on campuses can be done safely.

"I have my own children of the age where they could be instructors, and I would feel very comfortable with them being in that classroom as an instructor or a student," Maher said.

"Anybody who has watched the deliberate approach the Board of Regents has taken, and anybody who has talked to a campus president about the deliberate, calculated method they have used in terms of coming to where they are today ... I think people would find comfort in all of the research, all the data and all the care that has gotten us to where we are today."

Maher said that maintaining public health on campuses will continue to be a process that could result in a change in tier levels regarding mask usage or changes in educational delivery methods at individual campuses or systemwide.

"It doesn't mean I wouldn't have some fear; I certainly would still have some fear," he said. "But I think to the extent that we can, we've mitigated that issue, because it's a dynamic issue and we haven't come to the concluding point of this issue."

He added: "We'll see where we are in August and we'll see where we are in September."

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## Speaking out about safety

Sara Lampert is a history professor at USD who also serves as coordinator of the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies program. Lampert has deep concerns about returning to in-person classes on campus and also about how decisions have been made in the university system regarding COVID-19.



**Sara Lampert, a professor at USD, wants faculty, staff and students to make their own choice of whether to return to face-to-face teaching and learning on South Dakota campuses amid the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Photo: Courtesy Sara Lampert

Lampert said she authored the petition after becoming concerned about safety on campus in the fall, and when it became clear that even though the university asked for input from faculty and staff, the concerns they raised weren't taken fully into account.

"We were asked to bring concerns or questions, but the process isn't really transparent, and folks who did bring concerns didn't get much response," Lampert said. "It was prompted by a growing feeling among faculty that our concerns weren't being heard, but also that we were not very clear about the process according to which we could potentially teach online."

Lampert's petition made four major requests: that faculty have the ability to teach remotely if they wish; that no student be required to attend in-person classes; that academic advising be allowed to take place remotely; and that no instructor or student be required to disclose personal or family medical information in order to justify a request to teach or learn online.

Lampert said she understands and is sympathetic to the difficult decisions the Regents and university leaders must make heading into the new semester amid a pandemic, and believes they are trying hard to keep people safe. She said she also realizes that some instructors want to return to class, and she supports their right to do so.

"We're all really concerned and empathetic to each other's fears and the pressures we're under, and that the leadership of our institution is in a tight spot," Lampert said. "But we want our colleagues to feel safe teaching and feel like they actually have a choice over the environment they're put into in the fall."

But Lampert said that given the potentially life-threatening consequences of the virus, and its high potential for airborne spread in confined indoor settings, everyone on campus



**The South Dakota Board of Regents announced on May 1 that public universities, including the University of South Dakota, would re-open for in-person teaching and learning in the fall 2020 semester.** Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

should have the right to decide if they want to learn, teach or work remotely.

"The people who want to be able to protect themselves, their families and their students, not to mention their communities, by teaching online don't have a choice in that," said Lampert, who was happy to hear of the mask mandate.

Maher said he had received and read the petition but said it was impractical not to have general protocols in place to guide behavior of individuals, such as whether they teach remotely, in a system with thousands of employees.

Lampert said she loves her job and enjoys the environment at USD. She also is aware that South Dakota universities are facing tough financial times amid the pandemic, and that in-person classes are seen as a critical element in the overall college experience.

"We understand that our universities are in a very difficult financial situation, and that at the state level, that there's an expectation of a face-to-face fall, and we get that," she said. "But we felt like we are being kind of left out at sea."

## Waivers allowed for medical reasons

Some staff and faculty members have received waivers that will allow them to work from home or teach entirely online and not have to hold in-person classes or advising.

The process to obtain a waiver was shared with faculty across the university system in the summer and was handled by human-resources officials at each campus, said Janelle Toman, spokeswoman for the Regents.

The accommodation decisions were guided by university-system HR policies and procedures within the Americans with Disabilities Act, Toman said.

"As with any accommodation request under the ADA, university administration across the system engage in an interactive process with those faculty and staff members to identify if a reasonable accommodation can be provided," Toman wrote in an email to News Watch.

In terms of determining whether some classes are held in person or online, Toman wrote: "The primary factor that determines course delivery methods is based on the section size and space available to adequately follow CDC's guidance on social/physical distancing."

Toman did not provide the number of employees who have requested or received a waiver.

Faculty and staff at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City were given the opportunity to seek a waiver based on CDC guidelines for conditions that put someone at risk of complications from COVID-19, such as

cancer, kidney disease, chronic pulmonary disease, Type 2 diabetes, immunocompromised conditions, sickle-cell disease, heart disease and obesity.

In all, about two dozen faculty and staff members of the roughly 450 people on campus were granted waivers to work remotely, said Charles Michael Ray, a university spokesman. Ray said that other employees are being allowed to work remotely if they obtain supervisor permission. About 10 of 150 faculty members were among those who received formal waivers, he said.



Lance Roberts

Furthermore, the school has assigned some faculty and staff to work remotely in shifts in order to reduce employee interaction in confined workspaces, Ray said.

Administrators have been planning and preparing since early May for an August return to in-person classes, said Lance Roberts, interim provost.

Roberts said officials at Mines had implemented many strategies to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, including: classrooms will be utilized at 30% capacity in many cases to improve social distancing; plexiglass barriers will be used in settings where close personal interaction is likely; and the school purchased face shields for any employee who wants one.

Roberts, who taught a rocks-mechanics course and lab in spring 2020, said he would feel comfortable returning to the classroom again this fall.

"It's really taken all our focus on really ensuring that we do plan this semester as safely as possible, and it has taken a tremendous amount of work to get here, really across the board with our faculty, our staff, everybody,"

## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS MASK POLICY

Here is a condensed look at the four-level mask usage policy approved on July 22 by the South Dakota Board of Regents for its six universities and two special schools. The Regents voted to begin the academic year at Level 3, with a review to be done after 30 days. The protocols apply to all students, staff, faculty and campus visitors.

**Level 1:** requires face coverings in all classroom or lab settings where course delivery requires close proximity or physical contact and makes Centers for Disease Control recommendations on physical distancing impractical. Examples are instructional laboratories, clinical training environments, and design or art studio instruction.

**Level 2:** requires face coverings in all public areas of academic buildings on campus (including classrooms, hallways, and common areas), along with other indoor areas where 30 or more individuals frequently congregate or interact in a setting not conducive to maintaining CDC-recommended physical distancing.

**Level 3:** requires face coverings in all public indoor spaces on campus.

**Level 4:** requires face coverings in all public indoor and outdoor areas of campus.

Students, faculty and staff and visitors can all face different forms of informal and formal enforcement, starting with alerting them to the violation. In extreme cases, a student could be restricted from certain places or from campus entirely, a faculty member or employee could face formal employment discipline, and visitors could face removal from campus.

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**Widespread testing of students, faculty and staff for COVID-19 is not part of the return-to-campus plan of the South Dakota Board of Regents.** Photo: News Watch

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Roberts said. "This has been very well thought-out and meticulous as we have gone through the summer."

**Potential financial implications**

Bringing students back to campus and making it safe enough to keep them there through the fall and into the spring is important to preserve the educational and social benefits of the college experience, but it is also important from a financial standpoint.

A 15% drop in enrollment in the 2020 academic year — a prediction cited by national experts when the pandemic hit — would cost the university system an estimated \$48 million in revenue.

Maier said that as of mid-July, enrollment systemwide was expected to be flat or down "less than double digits" in percentage.

But universities could still see major revenue losses if students do not return to campus for a full semester or if campuses close at any point due to an outbreak.

When South Dakota universities shut down and reverted to online learning last spring, schools lost millions in revenue. USD and SDSU alone lost a combined \$9.2 million in reimbursements made to students for housing, fees and parking.

Remote learning by students can reduce several revenue streams for campuses.

At USD, for example, a meal plan at the school with more than 10,000 students costs up to \$1,876 per student per semester, and a single-occupancy dorm rents for \$2,605 a semester, with double occupancy at \$2,140 a semester. Among other fees, students also pay \$166 per year to register a car on campus. Students pay more per credit hour for off-campus courses (\$351 per credit compared with \$256) but do not pay fees that accompany many on-campus courses, such as \$103 additional per credit in nursing, \$84 additional per credit in physics and \$70 additional per credit in computer science.

Schorn, who directs the International Studies program at USD, said he believed in April and May that teachers and students would likely be able to return safely to in-person classes in the fall. But as COVID-19 cases have risen, especially among young adults in some regions, he is now less certain now that in-person instruction can be done without great risk.

Schorn said he did not initially sign the petition sent to Maier but did so after considering that with tenure and 25 years of experience, he not only has the right to speak up for others with concerns but also a responsibility to do so.

"We have a lot of faculty members who are lecturers, adjunct instructors, who have very few protections and are very concerned about speaking up," he said. "There are real concerns and I want to make sure we don't forget about those who don't have the freedom and power to speak up."

Schorn said he supports a hybrid teaching format in which most lectures are held remotely by computer but some hands-on discussions or project work is done in person, a concept that he said would likely require more work, effort and planning by instructors than solely teaching in classrooms.

Schorn said it is important for administrators and the public to know that faculty and staff are raising concerns about returning to in-person classroom teaching and pushing

for more online options solely due to fears of contracting or spreading the coronavirus.

"We're not pushing for this to step on people's toes, to take away their rights or freedoms or to get out of work," Schorn said. "We're not doing it out of selfishness or laziness; we're doing it out of concern for ourselves, our students and our families."

**Study pushes testing and social limits**

One early study of the risks of a return to in-person learning was done by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and Swarthmore College, who created a mathematical simulation of the university environment to examine potential consequences.

The study suggested that random testing for COVID-19, extensive contact tracing of infected people and strict quarantining of the ill are critical components of limiting spread. South Dakota public campuses will not undergo wholesale testing or medical screening of students, faculty and staff before starting classes, Maier said.

Toman said the state Department of Health intends to provide the six public universities and four technical schools with 13 testing machines and 6,500 total test kits, though specifics of how those will be used are still being determined.

The study also found that moving larger classes to online-only could reduce the number and size of outbreaks, and that breaking classes up into smaller groups that still meet in person "does not have a strong enough effect to protect students and instructors."

The study suggested that while residential settings for students may be problematic, the most important part of a virus-reduction strategy is to limit non-residential social interaction by students in groups.

Preventing students from interacting socially and potentially being exposed to the virus outside the classroom is likely impossible, however.

David Clay, a soil-science professor who is the immediate past president of the faculty senate at South Dakota State University in Brookings, said that knowing students as he does, and having been a college student himself in the 1970s, it will be impossible for young adults to follow social-distancing guidelines and use precautions against the virus when they are not in class.

"Students are going to be students; they haven't changed," Clay said. "People are nervous because social distancing is difficult when you're drinking at a party and then you're coming to class the next day."

Geary said he has been troubled by news reports that even those who recover from COVID-19 can have lingering health effects such as blood clots, lung damage or brain complications. He also worries that no plans exist to test students or faculty before they gather together in classrooms unless they show symptoms of COVID-19.

"When you look at what the CDC says, it's testing, testing, testing," Geary said.

"I don't think we have a lot of plans to adequately or robustly test our students; we're going into it somewhat blind and we're not taking the steps to open our eyes to the possibilities of spread that may be there."

While most students in the university system are from South Dakota, where infection rates have been relatively low, some students who return to campus will come from across the country and beyond, and may return to their homes at some point during the semester and then come back to campus.

"They're coming from all over, and that's what makes us all so nervous, because it only takes one," said Clay. "One person can get an awful lot of people sick."

Student athletes are more likely to come from across the nation and the world, including

areas that are hot spots for COVID-19, such as Florida, California and Arizona.

The USD men's football team, for example, has 97 players from 11 states, while the USD women's track-and-field squad has more than 70 women from 10 states and four foreign countries. The SDSU men's football team has 99 players from 10 states, and the SDSU women's track-and-field team has more than 80 women from eight states and two foreign countries.

Clay said students who congregate on the campus in Brookings could become infected and then bring the illness home to their families and friends.

"Students come in and let's say they pick up COVID on campus, where are they from?" Clay said. "They may be from Philip, or from all over the state, and then they go home and can transmit it there, so it's multiple layers of concern."

A high number of professors also tend to be older and potentially at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, Clay said. "A lot of our faculty, they're a little bit older," he said. "A lot are in their 50s or 60s, and I think they're rightfully nervous."

Clay said his largest class size each year is 140 students, but he teaches that class only once per academic year and not until spring 2021. Faculty may also make adjustments to normal practices, such as holding office hours in classrooms rather than small offices, he said.

Clay said he did not request a waiver to teach remotely and will support whatever plans SDSU has for returning in the fall. "If I'm asked to teach in class, I'll teach in class," he said.

Schorn said that unless something drastic happens, he is planning to return to campus to teach three courses in the fall semester, with class counts ranging from 17 to 34. Schorn said he intends to wear a face mask and face shield, and will have to alter his habit of walking about the classroom and interacting directly with students during lectures.

"I love teaching face to face, interacting with my students and seeing that 'aha' moment on their faces when something really clicks," he said. "And I'm a pacer, so I'm probably going to have to handcuff myself to a desk or podium and stop myself from wandering [around] the classroom and the students."

Schorn and others cannot make unilateral decisions about whether to teach remotely.

Schorn, who was pleased with the mask mandate passed on July 22, has run through hypothetical scenarios in which he has planned for how to handle a student who appears ill and shows up in class, or what he might do if someone begins coughing or sneezing once class begins. He does not have clear answers so far, but said student safety will be the top priority in any situation.

"I've had this conversation with other faculty, that we have an ethical duty to do everything we can to protect our students, and ensure our students are in the best possible place to protect themselves from the spread of COVID," he said.



**David Clay**

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# Groton Area School District 06-6

## Back-to-School 2020 Plan

This document is the District's plan for a safe return to instruction for the 2020-2021 school year based on the best information available at the time of publication. Modifications to the plan are anticipated and should be expected based on new information as it becomes available.

Revised 7-27-2020

### 4 Day School Week

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Groton Area School District will operate on a four-day week school calendar. The four-day calendar is a marked shift from typical operations of our district but presents us with opportunities to better serve our students under the current situation. The full school calendar is available online at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com).

Under the new calendar the start and end times for the school days will be modified as follows:

Elementary:	Start Time 8:22 AM	End Time 3:31 PM
Middle/High School:	Start Time: 8:18 AM	End Time 3:40 PM

During the days denoted as instructional planning days, school faculty and staff will be performing work to support the education of all students under the entire spectrum of learning plans that may need to be implemented. These instructional planning days may, in some cases, be moved to a different day during the week to best preserve in-person student contact opportunities.

Example: If the district is closed on an instructional day due to the need to clean facilities, assist with Department of Health contact tracing, or other reasons (snow days), we will be utilizing those days for instructional planning and moving the instructional day to the Friday.

As usual, the district will communicate changes to the calendar with the following tools:

1. School District Website, [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com)
2. School District App Push Notifications – the app is available for free download for both Apple and Android Devices. Search "Groton Area Tigers, SD" in the app store.
3. Apptegy mass calling system, previously SchoolMessenger
4. Facebook
5. Groton Daily Independent

Instructional planning days may include opportunities for school staff to work with students to provide opportunities for academic support, remediation, testing, or other pre-approved activities. In such situations, contact will be made between school staff and those students/families to make appropriate arrangements.



If sick, stay home except to get medical care.

### Traditional Learning Plan

Students will return to in-person instruction.

Students will remain in established groups as much as possible during the day and from day-to-day. Contact between groups will be limited as much as possible.

In-person instruction will be augmented with the use of Brightspace (online learning platform). This will better prepare student and staff for a seamless transition into blended learning or fully remote learning.

Juniors and seniors will have the option to use open campus privileges (typically senior privileges) for study halls and dual-credit courses to aid in our ability to provide appropriate distance within the school facility. Open campus privileges will be subject to parent permission and restrictions designed to keep students on track to successful course completion.

- Students on the ineligibility list will not have privileges during the duration of that reporting period.
- If the student receives detention or suspension for tardiness or misbehavior, privileges will be revoked for a period of time deemed necessary by the principal.
- If there is any question of a student not earning course credit, privileges may be revoked as needed.
- Students are allowed to drive. Any abuse of driving privileges will result in privileges being revoked.

Middle/High school students will report to their 1st period class upon arrival at school. Congregating in groups in the halls will not be permitted.

Elementary students will be dismissed for outdoor recess at approximately 8:02 AM.

Students will participate in scheduled hand-washing and frequent use of hand sanitizer.

The traditional learning plan provides for limited opportunities for physical distancing.

### Blended Learning Plan

Students will be provided in-person instruction two days each week and participate in virtual instruction for the other two days.

Students will be assigned to the black group (receiving in-person instruction Mondays and Tuesdays) or to the gold group (receiving in-person instruction on Thursdays and Fridays). Students from the

same household will be assigned to the same group. Wednesdays will be used for instructional planning and facilities cleaning and sanitizing.

Student participation and assignment completion will be required on all scheduled days for instruction. Student "attendance" and engagement will be measured by analysis of student activity with the Brightspace online platform.

The blended learning plan provides for moderate opportunities for physical distancing.

### Remote Learning Plan

The district is preparing for a situation that would require implementation of a remote learning plan for all students. In such an instance, instruction will be provided online using teacher created content through Brightspace. Students absent from school for self-isolation, quarantine, or other reasons may participate in learning via Brightspace to stay current with lessons and assignments.

Schedules will be provided for students to follow during remote learning.

Student participation and assignment completion will be required on all scheduled days for instruction. Student "attendance" and engagement will be measured by analysis of student activity with the Brightspace online platform.

The remote learning plan provides for maximum opportunities for physical distancing.

### Optional Remote Learning

Students who do not wish to return to school in the fall of 2020 due to concerns about the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic may opt in to the remote learning plan. Students who opt-in to the remote learning plan must commit to doing so for the entire duration of each academic quarter. For example, a student who chooses remote learning at the beginning of the year would be able to rejoin in-person instruction at the beginning of the second quarter but not before.

Students may opt-in to remote learning at the beginning of each quarter or immediately following any instance of self-isolation or quarantine by completing the Off-Campus Remote Learning Contract. For example, if a student is named a close-contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and the department of health names him/her a "close-contact" and places them under a 14 day quarantine, that student will participate in remote learning during their quarantine and may choose to continue remote learning immediately following the quarantine period through the end of the quarter.

The school principal may grant permission to opt-in to remote learning outside of the established timelines for good cause at his/her discretion.

Students enrolled in the remote learning plan remain students of the Groton Area School District subject to the rules and regulations, including grading policies approved by the Board of Education. Students enrolled in the remote learning plan will be provided a school-issued laptop or I-pad if needed but must be able to access a reliable internet connection at their own expense.

The rationale behind providing an online learning option is to provide an alternative source of learning for students who are unable to or uncomfortable returning to a traditional school setting amid the pandemic, therefore, students who opt-in to remote learning will not be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities since those activities will involve a heightened level of potential exposure.

### Notification Timeline for Participation in Remote Learning Option

In order for the district to plan appropriately for both in-person and remote instruction, families choosing to opt-in to remote learning must provide notification to the district by the deadlines established below.

1st Quarter	Friday, August 7, 2020
2nd Quarter	Thursday, October 1, 2020
3rd Quarter	Thursday, December 10, 2020
4th Quarter	Friday, February 19, 2021

The following academic measures must be met by students who have opted in to the remote learning plan:

1. Daily interaction with course material and assignments. Interaction with course content is measured and logged within the Brightspace platform.
2. Quality completion of assignments by due dates established by course instructor.
3. Prompt response to inquiry from school personnel, including teachers, administrators, and school support staff.
4. Students must maintain minimum grade of C- in all courses. Grades will be evaluated on the same schedule used for determining athletic eligibility.

5. The decision to opt-in to a remote learning environment must be made after a complete analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of such a system. Those considering this option must have a clear understanding of the academic expectations of such an environment. A student who is not participating in coursework or completing required assignments may have their remote learning option revoked and be required to return to in-person instruction or be subject to truancy claims. Once a student has been notified in writing that his/her option to participate in remote learning has been revoked, he/she will not be provided the option to re-enroll in remote learning for the remainder of the year.

## Continuity of Instruction Summary

The summary of learning options below represents the district's best options for providing an appropriate learning environment based on local health data. Movement between plans will be determined based on local health conditions and may not necessarily follow a linear progression.

Traditional Learning Plan	Blended Learning Plan	Remote Learning Plan
<p>Students will participate in regular in-person instruction.</p> <p>The District will take practical measures to support student and staff health and safety at school facilities</p> <p>Students with health concerns may opt-in to fully remote learning or choose the option for traditional homeschooling pursuant SDCL 13-27-3.</p> <p>Remote learning will be provided through the Brightspace Learning Management System for students who have opted in to remote learning and students who are absent from school.</p> <p>Student participation and assignment completion will be required on all scheduled days for instruction. Student "attendance" and engagement will be measured by analysis of student activity with the Brightspace Learning Management System.</p>	<p>Students will participate in two days/week of in-person instruction and two days/week of remote learning.</p> <p>The District will continue measures to support student and staff health and safety at school facilities.</p> <p>Students in the gold group will attend school on Mondays and Tuesday. Students in the black group will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will be used for instructional planning and facilities maintenance.</p> <p>Students with health concerns may opt-in to fully remote learning or choose the option for traditional homeschooling pursuant SDCL 13-27-3.</p> <p>Remote learning will be provided through the Brightspace Learning Management System for all students not in physically attending.</p> <p>Student participation and assignment completion will be required on all scheduled days for instruction. Student "attendance" and engagement will be measured by analysis of student activity with the Brightspace Learning Management System.</p>	<p>All students will participate in remote learning via the Brightspace Learning Management System.</p> <p>Student participation and assignment completion will be required on all scheduled days for instruction. Student "attendance" and engagement will be measured by analysis of student activity with the Brightspace Learning Management System.</p>
Limited Physical Distancing	Moderate Physical Distancing	Maximum Physical Distancing

## Health and Safety

The Groton Area School District will continue to operate with measures in place to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. We cannot guarantee that students or school personnel will not become infected with COVID-19. School attendance may increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

District will provide direct instruction to students and staff on healthy habits and CDC guidelines, including self-symptom monitoring, appropriate hand hygiene, physical distancing, mask etiquette including respect for others' decisions relative to using a mask, and covering sneezes/coughs.



## Monitor your symptoms.

Families must complete the district provided symptom screening checklist prior to allowing their children to board the bus or attend school or any school function. More than ever, it is critical that students showing symptoms of any illness stay home.

All school district faculty and staff must complete the symptom screening checklist including temperature checks prior to attending work each day.

The district will be conducting temperature screenings in the middle of each day. Elementary students will be screened on their way to lunch. MS/HS students will be screened following lunch before they return to class. Screenings will be conducted with non-contact infrared thermometers. Students with temperatures higher than 100.0 will be provided a face covering, if they're not already using one, and taken to the office for further evaluation according to the temperature screening protocols established by the Department of Health.

The district will spread students out (physical distancing) as much as possible for instruction and support services such as transportation and school lunch.

## Classroom Safety

Students will be seated facing the same direction in class. Students will be seated according to defined seating charts with as much space as possible between individual students.

Student and staff will be encouraged to bring water bottles from home for personal use.

Students will not be allowed to share water bottles and will be encouraged to take their bottles home each day to get washed.

Desks used by multiple students will be wiped clean between users. Sharing of personal items and supplies will not be allowed.



## Clean your hands often.

Recess times may be adjusted to provide better opportunities for physical distancing at recess and upon re-entry to the building. Students will participate in hand-washing upon re-entry to the building.

Hand sanitizer will be available and used on entry to and exit from classrooms.

Visual cues for physical distancing will be placed in areas of the buildings where appropriate to remind everyone of the importance of remaining physically separated whenever possible.



## Transportation

Mass transportation during the pandemic poses a set of unique challenges. The Groton Area School District will continue to offer bus transportation for the 2020-2021 school year with measures in place to provide the safest transportation as possible.

It is our recommendation that families provide their own transportation as often as possible to minimize their potential exposure.

Families will be provided with a symptom screening checklist for their child to be screened prior to boarding the bus or attending school or school activities. Children who are experiencing any symptoms must not ride the bus or attend school or school activities. Drivers will also be screened for symptoms prior to each trip.



Students and staff using school district transportation will be required to wear a cloth mask or face covering for the entire duration of their trip. Families will be expected to provide their own face covering and clean them daily. This includes school bus transportation and those who are transported in other district vehicles.

Students will be required to apply hand sanitizer upon boarding. Students will be seated in assigned seats with students from the same household seated together. Seating charts will provide for the most distance possible between students. In most cases, this distance will be less than six feet.

No children will be permitted to use district transportation who are sick or who become sick during the day.

Drivers will perform enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of surfaces following each trip.

## Food Service

The Groton Area School District will operate a School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program with adopted modifications to support a healthy environment for congregating eating.

Elementary lunch times will be modified to allow for physical distancing between students. We will be utilizing the elementary gym and elementary lunchroom/commons area for meal times.

Middle/High school lunches will be physically distanced utilizing the GHS gymnasium.

All non-disposable food service items will be handled minimally and washed with hot water and soap or in the dishwasher. Disposable food service items may be used.

Self-service meal items and sharing of items will be prohibited.

Food service check-in will be touch free.

## Custodial Services

Given the frequency with which items will need to be cleaned and sanitized some of these responsibilities will be carried out by school personnel other than custodial personnel. School personnel will be trained in the proper use and storage of cleaning products.

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be systematically checked and refilled.

Adequate supplies will be provided to allow for necessary and appropriate hand hygiene (soap, paper towels, hand sanitizers).

Restrooms will undergo frequent cleaning and sanitizing.

## Protocols for Handling Cases of COVID-19

Staff and students will be provided with direct instruction about the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including when symptoms preclude attendance at school or school-sponsored activities and when they can return to school or school activities.

If a student shows or develops symptoms in the school setting:

Symptomatic individuals will be immediately given a face mask if they're not currently wearing one and isolated in the designated area at the school. They will be sent home to isolate and seek medical care. Families must have someone designated to pick their children up from school in these situations. Symptomatic students will not be provided transportation home.

Symptomatic students will be required to wear a cloth face covering or face mask while they're waiting to leave the facility.

Returning to the school setting:

If a person has shown symptoms of COVID-19 but has not been exposed to someone with a COVID-19 diagnosis, they may return to school following the Groton Area School District communicable diseases policy.

If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a medical professional they may return to school only after ALL of the following conditions are met:

# Frederick Area School District 06-2 2021-2021 Salaries

Administration		Non-Certified Staff (per hour)	
Kosters, Jeff .....	82,000.00	Brooks, Renee	16.53
Ringgenberg, Jessica .....	59,500.00	Cox, Thersia	13.01
Wagner, Janel.....	48,850.00	Dumire, James	12.72
Brotzel, Julie .....	45,350.00	Elsen, Janet	21.16
Kosters, Christine .....	4,150.00	Gunther, Ashley	12.38
Podoll, Lance.....	5,000.00	Gunther, Faye	18.68
Sumption, Stacey .....	29,674.00	Hoffman, Donna	14.34
		Kosters, Zachary	16.11
		Morlock, Marty	12.72
		Sumption, Michelle	13.68
Certified Staff-164 days		Bus Staff (per route)	
Anliker, Jennifer .....	43,000.00	Bakeberg, Richard	38.17
Arthurs, Crystal .....	40,250.00	Christianson, Mark	44.52
Barondeau, Janelle .....	50,810.00	Cox, Thersia	44.52
Dallmann, Jennifer.....	42,450.00	Kosters, Jeff	44.52
Hoyle, Jennifer .....	40,550.00	Podoll, Lance	46.24
Kosters, Christine .....	47,350.00	Underberg, Keith	28.46
Little, Jennifer .....	39,950.00		
Meidinger, Melissa.....	41,850.00	Coaching Salaries	
Morlock, Marty .....	47,810.00	Barondeau, Janelle-Head CC	5,481.61
Pashen, Brock .....	42,325.00	Kosters, Jeff-Head Golf	5,064.16
Podoll, Caitlin .....	42,150.00	Kosters, Jeff-JH Football	3,281.53
Schmidt, Ashley.....	44,550.00	Kosters, Jeff-Head GBB	5,427.87
Sumption, Sarah.....	47,210.00	Morlock, Marty-Asst Football	3,121.50
Tschosik, Paula.....	45,810.00	Morlock, Marty-Head Track	5,268.75
Ulmer, Maggie .....	42,175.00	Nickelson, Don-JH BBB	2,081.00
Zinter, Tonya .....	55,403.00	Pashen, Brock-Head BBB	4,452.75
		Sumption, Sarah-Asst GBB	3,668.46
Co-curricular Salaries		Sumption, Sarah-JH GBB	2,438.23
Kosters, Jeff-Drivers Education .....	2,000.00	Sumption, Warren-Asst JH BBB	1,010.00
Kosters, Jeff-Athletic Director.....	4,500.00	Thorpe, Bryson-Asst JH BBB	1,010.00
Langley, Sharon-per event.....	50.00		
Pashen, Brock-Yearbook .....	2,510.82	Long-term Substitute Salaries (per day)	
Podoll, Caitlin-Oral Interp.....	1,046.69	Hoffman, Morgan	100.00
Ringgenberg, Jessica-Drama Club .....	1,265.90	Langley, Sharon	100.00
Sumption, Sarah-Science Fair .....	697.11		

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## Groton City July 21 Regular Meeting

July 21, 2020  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Blackmun, Flihs, Cutler and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Hope Block, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeyer.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Wells. All members voted aye.

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Cutler to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$35,182.14, Employee salaries; Executive, \$1,731.55, ; Administrative, \$3,366.22, ; Public Safety, \$6,619.14, ; Public Works, \$10,208.19, ; Culture & Recreation, \$13,257.04, ; First State Bank, \$9,514.39, SS and WH ; First State Bank, \$2,716.66, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$1,050.00, Employee savings; Hauge Associates, \$360.00, Payroll garnishment; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$285.00, Employee retirement; MJs Sinclair, \$1,477.13, Gas, tire repairs, batteries, dsl; Tim Bartscher, \$170.66, Utility deposit refund; City of Groton, \$529.34, BB gate bags, utility deposit refunds; Kevin Kotzer, \$333.90, Utility deposit refund; Dalton Locke, \$1,100.00, Jr Legion umpire pay; Matt Locke,

\$1,100.00, Legion umpire pay; Spencer Locke, \$1,200.00, Jr Teener umpire pay; Kim Retzlaff, \$354.05, Utility deposit refund; SD Retirement System, \$10,116.09, Employee retirement; Web Water, \$16,535.27, Water 5/20; Dwight Zerr, \$192.01, Med flex; Lisa Hudson, \$50.12, Utility bill reimbursement; Geffdog, \$186.50, Softball shirts; , \$125.00, Baseball sign; Krissi Zak, \$25.00, Baseball season pass refund; Heartland Waste, \$8,022.53, Garbage hauling 5/20; Kens Food Fair, \$658.43, Gas, paper products; EcoLab, \$212.00, Pest control; Lori's Pharmacy, \$8.98, Window writers; Bruce Klensasser, \$1,940.00, Lifeguard training; Bahr Spray Foam, \$2,366.40, Lift street gutter; Associated Supply Co, \$3,018.50, Pool pump and installation; , \$83.33, Pool tiles; , \$16,998.84, Pool chemicals; Kay's Computing, \$112.00, Data recovery assistance; Colonial Research, \$781.16, Hand sanitizer, cleaners; RDO, \$278.70, Mower ejector and wheel kit; Groton Ford, \$672.09, Tahoe battery repair, flat tire repair, Explorer brake pads, rear rotor; A&B Business Solutions, \$345.61, Copier rent; Dakota Supply Group, \$387.00, 3 centrifugal blowers; , \$129.00, Centrifugal blower; WAPA, \$17,670.39, Power 5/20; Cole Papers, \$104.72, Paper products; Heartland Power, \$32,367.18, Power 5/20; Border States, \$59.40, Safety glasses; MTI Distributing, \$166.80, Irrigation supplies; Matheson Tri Gas, \$184.59, Shop chemicals; Full Circle Ag, \$324.21, Lagoon, park, city lot chemicals; Share Corp, \$281.79, Shop cleaning supplies; Core & Main, \$132.75, Ballpark irrigation supplies; Nelson Sales & Service, \$88.71, Weed trimmer

fuel filter, carburetor; Groton Independent, \$338.20, Publishing; James Valley, \$639.34, Utilities; Harry Implement, \$34.59, Cemetery mower belt; McGannon Plumbing & Heating, \$6,387.97, Replace furnace and AC at BB concession stand

The June finance report was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Flihs. All members voted aye.

The board thanked the members involved in the flag pole installation at the park. Members involved in the installation were: Patios Plus, Groton Lions Club, McGannon Plumbing and Heating, Key Construction, Groton Area School, and Groton Legion Post #39.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Blackmun to approve installing a Coca Cola vending machine at City Hall. All members voted aye.

Web Water's rate increase was discussed. A ten cent per thousand-gallon rate increase along with an eighty cent increase for over-the-contract rate will be implemented October 1, 2020.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Flihs to approve the first reading of Ordinance #735 Water Rates. All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:18pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:12pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Hope Block, Finance Officer  
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A. It has been ten days since the person first had symptoms or since the first positive test if the person remains asymptomatic.

B. It has been at least 24 hours since the person has had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

C. The person's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath.

For patients with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised, the recommended duration for transmission-based precautions was extended to 20 days after symptom onset (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>).

If a person has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, he/she must remain out of school or school activities for 14 days since the last date of exposure. A person designated as a close contact may not test out of the quarantine period by receiving a negative COVID-19 test. If the close contact individual tests positive, he/she will follow the protocols for a person with COVID-19. Individuals designated as a close contact must complete the full 14 day quarantine period even if he/she tests negative for COVID-19. The South Dakota Department of Health defines close contact as being within 6 feet of an infectious individual for a period of 15 minutes. The South Dakota Department of Health will determine if an individual meets the definition of close contact and will determine the dates of an individual quarantine period.

If a person diagnosed with COVID-19 was in the school setting while infectious, the district will coordinate with local health officials to notify staff and families to the extent allowed by law. Individual privacy will be protected as required by federal and state law and local policy.

Intermittent school closings may be necessitated by a positive case of COVID-19 within the school buildings dependent on the full context of the situation. It is possible that one facility may be closed while the other remains open. For example, if an elementary-aged student with no MS/HS student siblings tests positive, we may be required to close the elementary facility for a short period followed by full facility cleaning and disinfection but may be able to safely continue operating the high school facility.

Students excluded from attendance will participate in the remote learning plan. Students who are subject to the 14 day close contact quarantine, for example, will participate in the remote learning plan during their quarantine period.

## Masks and/or Cloth Face Coverings

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings as able when around people who live outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.



The current position of the Groton Area School District is that face coverings or masks will be **strongly encouraged and recommended** for all students and staff with the exception of transportation where face coverings will be **required**.

Families will be expected to provide and care for their own face covering.

The CDC provides the following guidance for how to wash cloth face coverings:

### Washing Machine

- You can include your face covering with your regular laundry.
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the face covering.

The use of face coverings has become a widely politicized and highly debated topic. "Mask-shaming" of any kind will not be tolerated and will be addressed under the appropriate behavior policy for each school.

## Symptom Screening Checklist

During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals own a personal responsibility to protect the health of themselves and others. One important way to accomplish this is to remain home when experiencing symptoms if illness.

Parents must complete the following symptom screening checklist daily by answering these questions before sending their child to school or school activities.

Yes No

- Does your child have a fever of 100.4 or greater?
- Does your child have a new or worsening cough?
- Does your child have a sore throat?
- Does your child have shortness of breath?
- Does your child have unexplained fatigue or muscle/body aches?
- Does your child have new loss of taste or smell?
- Does your child have diarrhea?
- Is your child nauseous or vomiting?
- Does your child have new onset of severe headache, especially with fever?

Has your child been in close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minute) with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or been advised by the Department of Health to self-quarantine?

**If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. Please seek guidance from your medical provider. Contact the school to inform them of your child's symptoms.**

**If you can truthfully answer "No" to ALL of these questions, send your child to school.**

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# COVID-19 outbreak leads to closure of Camp Judson youth camp near Keystone

Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

Several cases of COVID-19 have been linked to Camp Judson, a popular Christian youth summer camp located in the Black Hills, the South Dakota Department of Health has confirmed. The camp has closed and has canceled an outing scheduled for junior-high students set for July 26 to Aug. 1.

As of July 27, fewer than 10 confirmed cases of COVID-19 that were tied to the camp west of Keystone had been reported to the state health department, said department spokesman Derrick Haskins, who would not provide a specific number of confirmed cases.

The department will continue to investigate the outbreak and notify people who had close contact with those who have tested positive for the disease. Camp officials had been cooperative with the investigation, Haskins said, adding that there were no plans to issue a public notice about the incident.

The First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, which has ties to Camp Judson, reported on its Facebook Page on July 23 that three campers, three counselors and the camp director had tested positive for COVID-19. One person with close ties to the church had tested positive for the disease but had not attended church functions since returning to Sioux Falls from the camp, the posting said.

According to the camp website, the most recent outing was the Junior Camp for children in grades 4-6 held from July 19 to July 25.

A staff person at Camp Judson reached on July 27 told South Dakota News Watch that the camp planned to release a public statement later in the day; the staff member declined to comment further.

The outbreak comes just a month before many public schools in South Dakota are set to open for in-person teaching and learning on Aug. 27.

Camp Judson has operated since 1926 and hosts Christian retreats, day camps, and overnight camps throughout the year. So far during the summer of 2020, Camp Judson has hosted a variety of camps, including weeklong camps for high school students, a weeklong family camp and several day camps. Past weeklong outings at the camp have attracted hundreds of children and youths.

Camp Judson is located about 3.4 miles west of Keystone on Old Hill City Road has canceled at least one upcoming week-long overnight camp according to posts on the camp's social media accounts. The

announcement to cancel the upcoming Junior High Camp was made via Facebook on July 23.

The next upcoming outing, which has been canceled, according to the camp's Facebook page, was the Junior High Camp set for July 26 to Aug. 1 for youths in grades 7-9. The High School Camp, for youths in grades 9-12, was held July 12-18. A Family Camp outing was also scheduled for Aug. 2-8. Cost to attend youth camps was \$325 per child.

The camp website provides this biography of camp operators Tracy and Danie Koskan: "Tracy desires that Camp Judson be a place where disciples are made and equipped to live and love like Jesus. Tracy's wife, Danie, is also highly involved in camp ministry through administrative support, cooking, media promotions and many other 'as needed' duties."

The camp website and Facebook page contain many images of children and young adults engaged in camp activities such as sports, water slides, tug-of-rope, science activities and camp improvement projects.

The Facebook post announcing the closure of the camp's upcoming Junior High Camp was met with sadness and support from online commenters. In response, Pat Parks of Rapid City wrote on Facebook: "You, your family, and all campers and staff are in my prayers. Camp Judson is a place like no other. Peace that only God can provide is my prayer for you."

The camp's web page, in the About Us section, notes that, "What began around 1926 with a vision to help young people come to know and grow in Jesus through a summer camp experience has continued to grow into a year-round ministry for youth, adults and families on 160 forested acres."

A sign-up bulletin for the 2020 camp outings states that, "Since 1926, Camp Judson has given young people and families the experience of helping to build and live in a Christian community in which opportunities are provided for personal and group study, worship, work and play. Summer camp offers a break from the world of social media and electronics and invites people to engage in meaningful experiences. Here, we do things differently. We think more of Jesus and others and less often of ourselves. Campers forge genuine friendships, cope with real challenges and hear the truth that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. Caring adults mentor campers and model what it means to lead and love like Jesus."

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# Life Lessons

Sometimes, life has lessons for us that we don't truly appreciate until much later.

Many years ago, when I was a very wet behind the ears new doctor, I had the privilege of being part of the care team for an elderly Native American woman. She had been transferred from somewhere in rural South Dakota to our hospital in the city in hopes of identifying her disease and ascertaining how best to help her. Her daughter accompanied her. The medical team was convinced we knew "best," while her daughter was determined that we were not going to take a single step that might conflict with her mother's values. The stage was set for conflict.

As an intern on one of my first rotations, I just could not understand why someone would come to us for help, and then not be willing to follow our recommendations for testing and procedures that we felt would give us information we needed. We were frustrated. I didn't recognize it at the time, but I learned a lot from that fierce patient advocate.

In retrospect, the most obvious lesson was the importance of acknowledging that people have different values, and those values are shaped by many things, including culture and religion. While it may be true that some values are shared across cultures, it is a mistake to assume that we can understand another person's values and priorities through the prism of our own, or based upon what we think we know about them.



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Healthcare providers can best help their patients by taking time to discuss cultural values, sacred traditions, and priorities with patients. This is especially true when it comes to end of life care, but it also applies to situations such as acceptance of medical testing, preferences regarding prescription drugs versus non-pharmaceutical alternatives and culture-based healing practices.

Another lesson was the importance of an advocate for the sick and vulnerable. It is extremely valuable for both the patient and the care team to have someone else present with the patient. This is a person the patient trusts to help clarify their concerns, to remember information, and to pass that information along to the patient's loved ones. Prior to the covid-19 pandemic, few patients utilized an advocate, except in the gravest of circumstances. Now, procedures in place to protect patients, staff, and family from this dreadful virus, limit the opportunity for patients to have an advocate physically present. However, most facilities support connection to patient advocates via phone call or video call.

In the end, a wise chaplain arranged for a traditional healer to visit our patient in her hospital room. I was not present for the ceremony, but the senior physicians and the daughter agreed on a plan of action. We didn't cure the patient, but we were able to offer her physical comfort in her final days, and I believe that by blending her culture and traditions with our medical ethos, we helped both the patient and her daughter find spiritual comfort as well.

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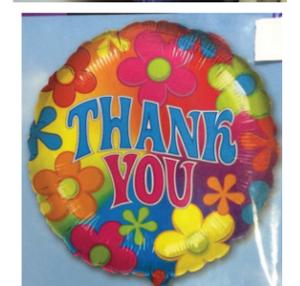
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