

Good Afternoon Summerville Community,

This is Kellene Ditler and Michael Merrill with your Weekly Campus Update for September 11, 2020

**Re-Opening Discussions:**

Our Summerville Re-Opening Plan is very clear that we need to socially distance our students when they are on campus. In order to be able to do that, we have to make a choice for our re-opening on October 5<sup>th</sup> to go with one of two possible models. A hybrid model where only some of our students would be on campus on any given day, or continuing through distance learning (excepting our small cohort groups that have been established) for a longer period of time.

We know that having our students back in school on our campus is best for their learning, but this has to be carefully weighed against the health safety risks of gathering that many people in one place.

Our goal still remains to look toward October 5, 2020 for re-opening campus. We will continue to keep you posted as the plan and discussions evolve.

Last week's Board Meeting had to be postponed until next Wednesday due to the power outage. Our Board Meeting next Wednesday will include an action item addressing the re-opening plan as well as discussions about the timeline and format for our school reopening. Please see the September 16<sup>th</sup> School Board agenda and zoom link on our website at [www.summbears.net](http://www.summbears.net)

**Technology Access:**

There is a way to access a common wifi network from the parking lot at any school site in Tuolumne County that students/families may be able to leverage, if they have no internet access currently or need to access should there be a power outage in your area. The network is protected through the student account system and is filtered. It will provide enough speed to access the sites necessary to continue online learning. We are sharing with our families the wifi network name and password.

SSID: distance-learning

Passphrase: #together

At our last Board Meeting, we discussed the "soft re-opening" plan we have put in place starting with our Connections 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a small group of students that travel together through their classes when school is normally in session. Therefore, it is a good small group for us to start with to show that our Re-Opening Plan is solid and we will be implementing it with fidelity. The number one focus is to make sure that all students and staff are safe and that they are following the requirements of our plan. We are ready to welcome our Connections 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades back to campus on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will bring back some of our special needs students that need more direct support from their case managers as well as our group of students that do not have internet access away from campus on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Teachers will still be teaching classes remotely via zoom with the exception of a few that will be on campus working with our Connections 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and some special needs students.

### **Food Service:**

We are now able to offer meals without cost through the USDA Seamless Summer waiver option to all of our students through December 2020.

Breakfast and lunch meals are provided daily for our Summerville District students. In order to best prepare for the correct number of meals, we need your input.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VYdnW0bGB3L\\_bc3MLr9oNtJTCqt3oVCxhoQAWI0DnXE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VYdnW0bGB3L_bc3MLr9oNtJTCqt3oVCxhoQAWI0DnXE/edit?usp=sharing)

A reminder that meals are delivered via our transportation hubs as well as available at the school for pick (11:00am-2:00pm).

If you have any questions about our meal service or delivery to one of our transportation hubs, please contact Jessica Kenitzer at 209-928-4228 X6234 or by email at [jkenitzer@summbears.net](mailto:jkenitzer@summbears.net)

**Weekly Updates** will continue each week to keep our community informed. We are all looking forward to the day when we can safely come back together as a full bear family.

Remember, it is critical for each of us to do our part to flatten the transmission rate of the virus especially on a holiday weekend.

- Practice physical distancing at all times. Keep 6 feet of space between yourself and others who are not part of your household. Stay in your household bubble!
- Wear a face covering in public.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid unnecessary travel, and limit your outings to essential tasks

Have a great weekend and please be safe.