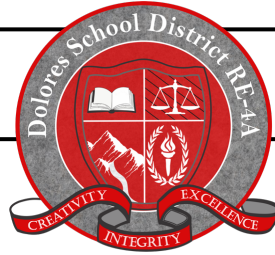


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August 17, 2020

Dear Parents:

It has been an interesting year. We are excited the majority of our students will be able to attend classes in the Dolores School buildings this fall. I would like to say how much we appreciate your patience and support so far as it is very helpful as we move forward.

The Colorado Department of Education has the latest guidelines and recommendations available for transportation services. We have incorporated these guidelines into our transportation services for bussing students daily and for activities.

There are restrictions on the number of students we can carry on each bus because of the COVID guidelines. We have sent out emails asking parents to find alternative transportation if it is practical to do so. Because many parents have been able to do this, bus transportation looks good at this time. We are not expecting difficulties.

Our plan is to keep our routes the same as last year with reduced student counts on the busses. Many parents have helped make this possible; currently the number of students on each bus is below the maximum. If you have not contacted us about your needs for transportation please do so promptly. Emails have been sent out and bus drivers are contacting parents to get a complete list of students requiring transportation.

- Send email: info@dolores.k12.co.us
- You can call the Transportation Director: Bill Kuik 970-739-9434 anytime or call the office.
- We need your students name, grade, address, contact person, phone number.

Below are guidelines and recommendations we are following for bus transportation as of August 17, 2020. Siblings or students living in the same household are requested to sit together. Students will be assigned seats and they must stay in their assigned seats. Weather permitting, we will provide additional ventilation with some windows open and the total bus capacity has been reduced to limit the possibility of transmission or spread of COVID.

- We are providing personal protective equipment for our bus drivers.
- Parents must screen their own children before they get on the bus. A screener is available on our website and the school app (more details to follow).
- The state guidance says, "If physical distancing is not feasible on a bus, all students must wear cloth face coverings over the nose and mouth, unless the student has a health reason for not wearing a mask or if a child is unable to wear a mask safely without supervision." *We are putting signs on each bus that state each student is required to wear a mask regardless of age.*
- Cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be implemented following student's pickup and drop-off in accordance with state COVID guidelines.

We are working closely with the Colorado Department of Education and the District to do all we possibly can to keep your students safe.

Sincerely,

Bill Kuik

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Transportation Director

Elisabeth A. Richard, Superintendent