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### Superintendent Update - July 31, 2020

Dear USD 384 Families and Staff:

This is John Cox, Superintendent of Blue Valley USD 384 with an update on what we have been doing. I sent out a message last week and one earlier this week to provide information, via Thrillshare, on what the District Leadership Team has been working on. They have been working diligently on our reopening plan. The plan will allow us to open safely in whatever learning model we need to for the level of risk the County is currently in. Although, many districts had the opportunity to plan all summer long for the reopening of school, I took office July 1st and hit the floor running to make sure the reopening of USD 384 went as smoothly as possible while trying to get a lay of the land and learn the process already in place for starting school.

Open enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is currently going on. Many have already enrolled. I appreciate your efforts to get your students enrolled so rosters can be created to allow teachers to start planning. You can find the link to enroll on our website USD384.org. Another way to stay informed is to download our App: USD 384 Blue Valley-Randolph on the Apple App store or Google Play, please make sure you have notifications turned on so you get all the information. I believe open communication is important and have an open door policy. If you have concerns, questions or just want to talk, give me a call or send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

With that in mind, I wanted to share information about our plan. It will be brief but provide you with some answers. Once the Board of Education approves the plan, we will put it on our website.

USD 384 understands that people have differing levels of comfortability returning to school based on their current situation. Please understand that we are taking every effort to make sure school will be safe for all to return. As part of the plan, we are committed to providing options.

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Our plan will include **onsite learning, hybrid model of learning** and **remote learning**. They all will set high expectations for student learning and achievement.

- **Onsite Learning:** All learning will be conducted in the school building using appropriate PPE as recommended by KSDE, CDC, KDHE, Executive Order and Riley County Health Orders. As of now, that means all students must wear a mask. We will revisit this when the orders change. We have purchased masks, alcohol gel and cleaning supplies to make sure school is as safe as we can possibly make it.
- **Hybrid Learning:** If COVID-19 cases change the risk level of the County there may be a need to reduce the number of students physically attending school. In this model, smaller student cohort groups may be created so students can attend school but the time in the building may be reduced. Some Remote Learning strategies will also be used in this model.
- **Remote learning:** All learning will be conducted on an internet platform yet to be determined by the district. There will not be a need to enter the school building. Instruction will be provided by USD 384 certified teaching professionals with the same curriculum and materials as presented in class with slight variations. It is important to understand that Remote Learning will have a higher degree of accountability than did the Continuous Learning Plan implemented last spring. Additional details are still being worked out.

As you know this situation continually changes and this plan is subject to change at any moment. We are working hard to be able to provide both an Onsite and Remote Learning option for the start of the year. The decision on which model to use will be made closer to the start of school with input from the Riley County Health Department.

The District Leadership Team is meeting next week to finalize the plan for Board approval on August 8th. This will allow teachers plenty of time to prepare and plan for the start of school. It is our hope that this information helps clarify questions that have

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been asked but we also know it may raise others. Blue Valley is a great place to be! We have great parents, teachers and students! More information will be sent as it becomes available.

Respectfully,  
John Cox, Superintendent  
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