

# Ralls County R-II School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school district has a Board of Education approved returning to school plan. The document was shared publicly July 29, 2020 and may be viewed through this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LanatiFOU\\_6JinKPjuFoNulvbgSMD8LJVv\\_J3Vkb1xM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LanatiFOU_6JinKPjuFoNulvbgSMD8LJVv_J3Vkb1xM/edit?usp=sharing)

Our plan offers both traditional in person school and an option for online coursework through LAUNCH <https://fueledbylaunch.com/>. If online coursework is selected it will be for the entire semester; this option is not available for a few days, weeks or a month. If a student is enrolled in traditional in person school and must be quarantined due to COVID-19, homebound instruction will be available to assist in keeping up with instruction and assignments until the student is able to return.

Enrollment will open Wednesday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. Enrollment is completed on-line just like last August. If a parent has previously logged into the system you will have access, if not please contact 573-267-3397 or 573-267-3341 for assistance. If you do not have access to a computer, one will be available for your use in both buildings on Thursday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday, August 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In an effort to limit outside visitors and large crowds in our facilities, we will not be hosting a Meet the Teacher Night this year. Students will bring their supplies August 26th and we will assist them in finding their class, teachers and lockers.

With a plan in place, we are still in the midst of a global pandemic. There are eight COVID-19 positive cases in Ralls County at this time. If numbers increase within the county, affecting our students or employees directly, we may be required to quarantine classes, groups, a building or even the entire district. Here are a few ways you can assist our school in getting back to school August 26th:

- Begin to monitor your family's health.
- Be aware of exposure to COVID-19 in your activities over the next three weeks and during the school year.
- If your student will be wearing a mask at school, please begin to "break in" the mask so the student is accustomed to wearing a mask properly.

The Ralls County Health Department participated in the development of our plan. The administrator, Tanya Taylor, will be attending the Board of Education regular meeting on August 13th to provide an update. If a positive diagnosis affects students or employees, contact tracing will take place to find out others with likely exposure. We will follow the current guidelines for quarantine or monitoring symptoms. You can assist our school through the following measures:

- Do not send students to school if they are experiencing symptoms of being ill.
- Prepare a back up plan if a bus route is cancelled due to driver illness and unavailability of a substitute.
- Prepare a child care plan if your child is required to quarantine.
- Prepare a child care plan if a class, group, building, or our district must close for quarantine.

If you have questions about enrollment options, please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely  
Tara Lewis, Ed.D.  
Superintendent