



Dear Families, Students, Staff and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year.

Although challenges still exist in many forms throughout our state and country, I feel very fortunate to be the Superintendent of the Bloomfield Public Schools.

These are unprecedented times but we will continue partnering with our families, community, and staff to make great things happen for our students.

We have been preparing our schools and staff for everyone's safe return. All staff have received training on the district's health and safety protocols. We have conducted school inspections, and produced virtual tours of our schools to share with families and our community.

We will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 in our community while observing the physical and emotional health of our staff, students, and their families.

Opening schools during a pandemic is challenging, but we remain focused on providing high-quality educational experiences for Bloomfield students. We are committed to finding more time and ways to connect with our families. Our educators are embracing new ways of teaching, and our students' new ways of learning.

The district selected a Hybrid model -- a blend of in-school and Enhanced Distance Learning - as our re-entry learning plan when school opens Tuesday, September 8th. Families also had the option to engage their children exclusively in a five-day Enhanced Distance Learning Plan.

Our data shows:

- 57% of families chose the Hybrid model as their preferred learning plan
- 43% of families chose the five-day-a-week Enhanced Distance Learning option

Whether the learning is virtual or in person, our mission continues to be providing Bloomfield students with high levels of learning that will prepare them for college – and meaningful careers.

I commend the work of our administrators, teachers, and staff for preparing our schools to receive students on the first day of school.

As students and staff return, there will be a common theme – adhere to the 3 W's:

- Wear a facial mask at all times.
- Watch your distance - Practice physical distancing (six feet of separation where feasible).
- Wash your hands often.



We have posted our district's [Health and Safety protocols](#) which can be accessed on our district website.

As I mentioned earlier, our schools are safe, sanitized, secure, and compliant with COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

Thank you and I look forward to a safe and productive school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Thompson".

*Dr. James Thompson, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools*