

Ronan School District

Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

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Ronan School District 2021-22 School Reopening Plan

The Ronan School District has been working under a reopening plan since August 2020. We understand not everyone will agree with our plan, but hopefully we will give parents and guardians the ability to prepare for the 2021-22 school year.

Reopening Plan

Schools will be open Monday thru Friday for direct in-person instruction. We will be going back to delivering lessons in-person only.

The following are the proposed school days for the students:

Pablo Elementary	8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
K. William Harvey	8:20 AM to 3:20 PM
Ronan Middle School	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Ronan High School	8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

The teacher's workday will be:

Pablo Elementary	7:40 AM to 3:30 PM
K. William Harvey	8:00 AM to 3:50 PM
Ronan Middle School	8:10 AM to 4:00 PM
Ronan High School	8:10 AM to 4:00 PM

SAFETY MEASURES

The District is taking the following measures to safely provide in-person instruction, including consideration of guidance by the CDC and state and local health officials as follows:

Universal and correct wearing of masks

District-wide:

Students and staff will not be required to wear a mask or face covering; however, they may choose to wear one if they feel comfortable doing so. We will have face masks and shields available for those wanting them. We will continue with guidelines on proper use of face coverings are posted on signage/video monitors throughout the building.

Physical Distancing

Pablo Elementary:

We have altered schedules to accommodate smaller groups within the building during lunch time as well as recess time. The schedule will keep a minimal number of students in close proximity to one another, preventing crowded situations. Classroom teachers have used a combination of seating arrangements and classroom furniture to provide students with adequate spacing and distance from others.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

Students will continue to be put into cohorts for contact tracing purposes as well as limiting contact with other students. Cafeteria will be separated to ensure only classroom contact and one class allowed per table. The playground will also be divided in half to limit exposure between cohorts.

Ronan Middle School:

- Follow local guidelines.
- Try to maintain smaller class sizes/groupings
- Staggered transition times for some grade levels
- Seating charts and various seating arrangements to accommodate social distancing.

Ronan High School:

- Follow local guidelines.
- Try to maintain smaller class sizes/groupings
- Organized traffic-flow throughout hallways
- Seating charts and various seating arrangements to accommodate social distancing.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Pablo Elementary:

Specific Teach To's for handwashing and respiratory etiquette is taught to students and resources such as wipes, sanitizer and disinfectant spray are available in each classroom.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

Students have always been encouraged to wash hands, but this will be mandated multiple times throughout the day. Students will be given the option to wear a shield or mask.

Ronan Middle School:

- Hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- Sanitizing wipes/guidelines for all technology.
- Outdoor classroom spaces
- Air purifiers in rooms w/out windows
- Updated heating/air system

Ronan High School:

- Signage throughout the building
- Hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- Sanitizing wipes/guidelines for all technology.
- New windows/ventilation.
- Outdoor classroom spaces
- Air purifiers in rooms w/out windows
- Updated heating/air system

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities (including improving ventilation)

Pablo Elementary:

A daytime custodian will remain in place and be in charge of cleaning/sanitizing areas throughout the day. This person will be scheduled to disinfect rooms during recess, lunch and activity times when children and staff are generally absent from the area.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

The building will be fogged periodically and in between each activity class by our daytime custodian.

Ronan Middle School:

- Daytime janitorial services
- Hydro Static Electric sanitizer used daily (multiple times if needed)
- Water bottle filling stations
- Provide more time between groups in cafeteria to allow for cleaning
- Cleaning solution to be used by teachers and students

Ronan High School:

- Daytime janitorial services
- Hydro Static Electric sanitizer used daily (multiple times if needed)
- Water bottle filling stations
- Students sanitize work areas every period
- Providing outdoor eating areas/additional seating

Contact Tracing

Pablo Elementary:

Teachers will maintain and submit a seating chart to be used in their classrooms. This chart will also establish a lunchroom seating arrangement that is consistent and can be used to contact trace when necessary. Activity teachers will work within their content areas to maintain a similar seating arrangement to track student activity during this time.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

Students will still stay spread out in classrooms to limit exposure and contact with classmates. Cameras will be utilized in cafeteria, busses, playground, and hallways to monitor contact.

Ronan Middle School and Ronan High School:

- Seating Charts
- The school nurse will work with Lake County and Tribal Health Departments
- Local Guidelines
- Additional cameras installed in order to better traced student movement

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Pablo Elementary:

The district will strive to maintain a nurse presence in each building and through this office, we will follow best practices/protocols for screening visitors/guests. Limited number of outside visitors will be welcomed after such procedures are followed.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

Grade levels will still be provided touchless digital thermometers and if there is any question students will be tested. If students are elevated, they will be sent to the nurse to check for other symptoms.

Ronan Middle School and Ronan High School:

- Local guidelines
- Signage at front doors w/ symptoms to be aware of
- Check-In/Check-Out Sign In
- School nurse protocols will be followed
- Mandatory temperature/symptom checks if required by local health departments

Vaccinations

District-wide:

The District will act in accordance with state and federal law with respect to vaccinations for its staff and eligible students. Administrators will work closely with staff to help facilitate the types of employee leave afforded by the CBA in order to obtain/acquire vaccinations and other medical related appointments. The District will help advertise vaccination resources via social media.

The District will not refuse, withhold from, or deny a person any services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's vaccination status.

Transportation

Parents are encouraged to transport students whenever it is feasible to do so. At this time, there are questions on how the federal mask mandates affect public education transportation. We will follow the law when it comes to masks, and if permitted, we will follow local rules and policies. The bus driver will limit the number of students in a seat on all buses and will maintain a seating chart in case of contact tracing. Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses and the buses will be sterilized with our new Protexus electro-static cleaning sprayers when they return to the bus garage after their morning and afternoon routes.

Accommodating Students with Disabilities

The District will provide accommodations to its policies for students with disabilities as determined appropriate based upon the individual student needs and in accordance with an individual accommodation plan or individualized education plan. Students requiring accommodations should contact Special Education Director Charity Cheff to request information on plans for students with disabilities.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

The District will provide for continuity of services as follows:

Student Academic Needs

Pablo Elementary:

We are actively advertising for another tutor position to offer more remedial assistance within the building throughout the day. We've increased the number of students attending tutor sessions at any given

time to serve higher numbers of kids. We've offered summer school for the first time in many years with special attention given to struggling students as identified through benchmark testing measures. We have also increased our school counselor services to a full time position to assist in this area.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

Students will check out individual Chromebooks and be allowed to use while they are at home. If students are quarantined they will be allowed to take these home, but must bring back when they return. All lessons will be posted with online lesson plans. Two additional paraprofessionals will be added to help with student learning loss due to the pandemic.

Ronan Middle School:

- Online access to work materials
- Summer School
- Lunchtime tutoring
- After School tutoring
- Additional paraprofessional support

Ronan High School:

- Online Credit Recovery Program
- Summer School/Credit Recovery Program
- Academic Academy/Tier II Support
- Will hire an extra paraprofessional

Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

Pablo Elementary:

As mentioned already, we have increased our counselor day to reflect a full time position in order to meet the social, emotional and mental needs of the students.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

School counselor has been added to a weekly schedule to see all students within the building on a weekly basis. Lessons are geared around dealing with all social, emotional, and mental health needs.

Ronan Middle School:

- Added another ½ time counselor
- Student led groups sponsored by staff members
- IEFA building representatives to help as liaison b/ween students, staff, and community.
- Indian Ed. Coordinator and Tribal Education partnership
- Added counseling lessons within the classroom, for grades 5-8.

Ronan High School:

- Added another ½ time counselor
- Added weekly/quarterly incentives for students
- IEFA building representatives to help as liaison b/ween students, staff, and community.
- Indian Ed. Coordinator and Tribal Education partnership
- 4-H Mentoring

Other Student Needs (which may include student health and food services)

Pablo Elementary and K. William Harvey Elementary:

The “Backpack Program” is a resource managed by the counselor to help students who are in need of food assistance. The district offers breakfast and lunch at no cost to our students, while the food service department provides a “healthy snack” each afternoon throughout the year.

Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

Pablo Elementary:

The district has 7 PIR days built into the schedule to provide training for staff in a variety of areas to include social, emotional and mental health needs. For at least two of those days, staff is free to choose the training and support services they find most necessary and valuable to them.

K. William Harvey Elementary:

Provided staff with extended lunch times and duty free lunches if possible during the week. We will also have a staff member of the month to address teachers going above and beyond. A brag board was also started in the teacher’s lounge for other staff to post a note of appreciation for our efforts.

Ronan Middle School:

- Re-establishing a staff lounge
- Weekly newsletters
- Regular group and individual check-ins with staff
- School leadership team meets monthly

Ronan High School:

- Sunshine Committee for staff morale
- Weekly newsletters
- Weekly grade-level meetings
- School leadership team meets monthly

Other Staff Needs

District-wide:

We have increased budgets for staff in many areas to help with resources for lesson delivery, seating arrangements and sanitization in an effort to give teachers flexibility and to accommodate their personal safety/medical needs.

PUBLIC INPUT

District-wide:

The Plan for Safe Return will be on the monthly school board agenda until at least September 30, 2024. We will continue to get input from the Title VI Parent/Guardian Survey. We will continue to have Title VI meetings to get feedback from our Native American parents.

The District will review this Plan at least once every six months and will provide an opportunity for public input in association with any review of the Plan.