



**LAKE OF THE WOODS**  
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Jeff Nelson, Superintendent

A Message from Superintendent Nelson

August 6th, 2020

On July 30th, Governor Walz announced Emergency Executive Order 20-82. This order directs school districts to implement an appropriate instructional model that adheres to parameters set forth in the Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021. The initial determination of which instructional model a district will start the school year must be made at least two weeks prior to the start of the respective school year calendar.

In order to determine the base learning model to begin the school year, districts will be using the 14-day COVID-19 case rate by county. This data will be updated and reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. There are a number of other considerations and factors that districts must also take into account before making a final decision. Districts must also keep in mind that the learning model criteria are different for elementary and high school students.

At this time, based on the 14-day COVID-19 case rate released on July 30, 2020, Lake of the Woods School is making plans for implementing in-person learning for elementary students. We are also planning on in-person learning for high school students, but are also planning for the possibility of a hybrid model for students in grades 7-12. Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 case rate, the Lake of the Woods School Board will have a special board meeting on Thursday, August 20th to make a final decision on which learning models will be implemented at the elementary and high school level. Regardless of which model is selected by the district, families will have the option of the Distance Learning Model. We will be conducting a parent/family survey to gather information that will help us in our planning process. The survey will be accessible online and we will be making phone calls to each household.

We will be hosting a virtual town hall meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 PM. At this meeting I will give an overview of our Safe Learning Plan followed by a Q & A session. Please feel free to email or text me any questions prior to Thursday's meeting. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to parents, students, and staff through School Messenger and will be posted on the school website ([www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org](http://www.lakeofthewoodsschool.org)). This meeting will also be live streamed on Youtube.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate through this challenging time. We will need to continue to work together to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our children. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My office number is 218-634-2510, extension 1506. If I don't pick up, please let it ring until prompted to leave a message. I will return your call. My cell number is 218-434-0023. You may email me at [jeff\\_n@lakeofthewoodsschool.org](mailto:jeff_n@lakeofthewoodsschool.org)