



**BOYD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Boyd County Public Schools Families,

Thank you for continuing to support our students, teachers, staff, and each another as we navigate through the new territory of educating your children during a global pandemic. We understand that after making the choice of traditional (NTI) or the Boyd County Virtual Learning Academy, you may still have questions or be feeling a little apprehensive about what the beginning of the school year will look like.

As I stated in my previous letter, we have put several common expectations into place for NTI Days, including the use of specific learning platforms for students. The use of consistent online platforms will allow for new content to be delivered during NTI Days and keep parents/students from having to be familiar with multiple platforms if they have children in multiple grades or schools. Families can also expect a common platform called REMIND to be used for teachers and schools to communicate important information to families in a seamless manner.

In addition, you may have some of these frequently asked questions:

1. **If I chose virtual learning, when will I get more information?** The Boyd County Virtual Learning Academy teacher facilitators will tentatively begin reaching out to parents during the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>. The district will also be sharing additional training dates and/or videos that will help you support your child's learning at home and learn more about navigating the CALVERT and PLATO platforms.
2. **What if my child does not have internet access during NTI Days?** The district is working on a plan to ensure all students receive quality instruction until we can resume in-person classes. The first step in doing this is to ensure that schools have a list of students without internet access. Schools are currently in the process of gathering this information.
3. **Does my child have to be online at certain times if we chose traditional instruction, which will be starting as NTI at the beginning of the school year?** We are going to try to be as flexible as possible, because we know every family has varying schedules and childcare situations. Please know that your child's teacher(s) may have online meetings scheduled at specific times each day, and it is in your child's best interest to attend these meetings. However, there will be instructional content uploaded to the learning platform, as well as assignments. Attending the online meetings will be a way for students to gain additional instruction and be able to ask questions they might have in a live format. However, your child will NOT be penalized if he/she cannot attend a live meeting. In addition, we have plans in place for teachers to be available during nontraditional hours. More specific information will be released at a later date.

Please note that we understand this may not answer all of your questions or alleviate all of your anxiety, but we hope it gives you a better picture of what instruction will look like for your child as he or she "returns" to school. If you have additional questions, or questions that are specific to your child, please feel free to contact your child's school.

Finally, I encourage you to make the start of the school year as positive as possible for your child(ren). They may have anxious feelings they are not sharing, but if they see the adults around them being positive and encouraging, it will go a long way. As always, I appreciate all that you do in assisting Boyd County Public Schools in educating your child.

Sincerely,

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