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Good afternoon Laker Parents and Patrons,

Governor Burgum has given schools his approval to devise plans for restarting school this fall using multiple platforms. This plan will include face-to-face instruction, a hybrid plan consisting of both face-to-face and distance learning instruction, and distance learning. The mode of instruction and delivery we use throughout the year will be determined by the state of COVID-19 in our county and community. We will need to be nimble as we navigate through this school year.

We are in the process of developing the plans for returning to school this fall. The committee members that are working in collaboration on this plan include:

All DL-B Administration

School Board members: Brenda Buri and Jayme Burkhart

Teachers: Mary Sandbo, Tiffany Schiele, Stephanie Drovda, and Nicole Opland

Ward County First District Health Unit

Parents: Michelle BergShannon Hanson, Andrea Roedocker, and Deb Schwandt

Student Council members and Student Advisory members

At the end of this process I will then submit the plan to the full school board for their approval or revisions on August 3, 2020 at our special school board meeting at 7:00 PM.

The health and safety of our staff, students, and families will drive our plans. We will rely on the Center of Disease Control, the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, and the Governor's Office for direction, guidance, and information. We have completed surveys of both our staff and parents and will also use that data to guide our decisions. I have had discussions with the school board and have also been given guidance on their expectations as we move forward in this process.

Finally, please be aware these decisions are of the utmost importance and we will be working diligently in the coming weeks to create a plan that keeps people safe and brings the best educational value to our students. We are aware that no matter what guidelines we set forth people will think they are either too restrictive or too loose. We ask that you please be aware we are trying to come to a common ground for what is best for our Laker community within the guidelines we have been given by the State of North Dakota.

Sincerely,
Christopher Bachmeier