



HOME OF THE BRAVES

## JOSEPH BADGER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Joseph Badger Schools Re-Opening

Dear our Badger Braves Families,

Hello everyone. We genuinely miss seeing all of you. This summer has been a whirlwind of activity. Guidelines and protocols change with regularity. We have all become accustomed to accepting changes as the norm. We hope at the very least that you are finding time over this summer break to find some peace and relax.

Our school district has always taken pride in creating educational opportunities for our students based upon needs and preferences. Whether our students learn in a traditional classroom, online, in a college class, at our career and technical center or through any number of customized settings, we find a way to tailor education in a way that just seems to fit.

And that is what we are doing now. We will offer options. You will make decisions. **Joseph Badger Schools are planning on beginning classes on August 25<sup>th</sup> with a traditional full five day per week schedule.** We have found ways to creatively use spaces within our building that can ensure social distancing and other recommendations to safely reopen schools. A reset/restart committee has been meeting and we are now establishing protocols such as minimizing movement by keeping students together in the same group throughout the day.

We also conducted a survey (thank you for responding) and we found that over 25% of families would prefer an entirely online option. We can do that too! **You will have an option to take the same courses in a traditional environment at home with our teachers!**

**Further, families will have the option to seamlessly transition between face-face and online instruction as situations and needs change.** Choose the option that best suits your needs and know that you can change your mind anytime.

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We are working diligently with our teachers, school nurse, custodians, cooks, secretaries and bus drivers in assembling a variety of plans that are safe. All schools in our county have been meeting and working with our county health commissioner. We are following CDC guidelines. We have also received tremendous support from our county educational service center. Please know that all of our planning revolves around five main themes as released by Governor DeWine:

1. Vigilantly Check for Symptoms
2. Wash and Sanitize Hands
3. Thoroughly Clean Facilities
4. Practice Social Distancing
5. Implement Face Coverings Policy

There are still many more details that need attention such as cafeteria, recess and transportation. Of course, things may change, but please know we will continue to offer high-quality educational options for you and your family. Please read the enclosed “***Our Plan to Responsibly Re-Open***”. More information will be coming soon so that your children will know what to expect as we navigate these uncharted waters. Be safe. Stay healthy. We are here for you.

Respectfully,

Edwin J. Baldwin, Superintendent