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Naytahwaush Community Charter School is preparing for the start of the 2020-21 school year with classes set to start on September 8th. The board has approved a shortened school day for students to begin at 9:00-3:30. This will allow time to safely transport students to school and screen them for participation.

At this point NCCS plans to do in-person learning based on the current number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in our county. This is subject to change dependent on local Public Health reported positive cases of Covid-19 every 14 days. NCCS will be following the guidelines as set by the Minnesota Department of Education to keep your children as safe as possible.

NCCS families may choose the option to attend school via the Distance Learning Option. **To assist with planning, we are asking families to select the preferred option of instruction for their students and return the corresponding registration form to the school by August 24, 2020.** Once your child is registered in distance learning, they will remain in distance learning until the end of the quarter.

What does Distance Learning mean? It means the student will attend remotely from home and not on site. This will be dependent on access to the Internet to receive instruction and assignments. The school will provide a chromebook for every student.

Distance learning students will follow a regular schedule during the school day. Teachers will connect with students through digital means during the day's lessons. Teachers will take daily attendance and the school will follow state attendance guidelines. Absenteeism will result in a referral to truancy the same as in-person learning. If your student is ill or needs to be absent for the day, a call must be made to the school in order for it to be considered an excused absence.

Distance learning grading policies will be followed same as in-person learning. Students will receive a report card as scheduled by the school. Students in the Distance Learning Option will have access to the school counselor, support staff and other support services.

Students in Distance Learning can select if they want school meals delivered or opt out of school meals while at home.

Miigwech for your support during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri Anderson".

Terri Anderson, Director