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## BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

Pine Ridge Education Resource Center – Flandreau Indian School  
1132 N. Crescent Street  
Flandreau, SD 57028

September 15, 2020

Dear Flandreau Indian School Families,

We hope this letter finds students and families doing well and staying healthy. We are excited to welcome back our students for the 2020-2021 school year on September 16, 2020! Due to local conditions it has been determined that the school year will open virtual classroom model, with all students learning remotely to ensure the safety of students and staff. As you know conditions are constantly changing, we will continue to monitor local and state conditions and will assess if we will continue in an all virtual model or change to an alternative or a Brick and Mortar model at the nine week mark, November 18, 2020. We want to assure parents that we can be counted on to communicate changes, address concerns, and ensure that all students have the tools necessary to be successful.

### **Fall Student Registration**

Flandreau Indian School is following the physical distancing guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control, Moody County and the state of South Dakota's mandate in regard to the community restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **A. Information and Resources:**

- Resources are available to families seeking to enroll their child in school while our buildings are closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please follow the directions listed below:
  1. Enrollment packets are located on our main webpage under <https://flandreauindianeducation.com>.  
Click this link to begin. <https://flandreauindianeducation.com/admissions-application>
  2. Download/print, complete and scan to one of the emails below. If scanning capabilities are not available a picture of the completed forms can be email to the appropriate registrar.
  3. If printing, scanning and emailing capabilities are not available paper copies are available at Flandreau Indian School for pickup and drop-off between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
  4. Necessary documents, picture or scanned copy, are:
    - a. Birth certificate
    - b. Certificate of Tribal enrollment
    - c. Social security card
    - d. Proof of residency (utility bill, rental agreement, etc.)
    - e. Parent/guardian ID

Should there be any questions or needed assistance, please contact, Flandreau Indian School  
Administrative Secretary

*FIS e-mails:*

- [katherine.renville@bie.edu](mailto:katherine.renville@bie.edu)
- [shawn.dahmen@bie.edu](mailto:shawn.dahmen@bie.edu)

### **Communicating With our Families**

We will continue to regularly communicate with families to ensure that they remain informed of emergency and non-emergency situations.

#### *A. Emergency Alerts*

If there is an emergency a message from the school in the form of a phone call, a text message, or email will go out. Further information will be provided by BIE and FIS staff on the home page of the school website.

#### *B. Non-Emergency Alerts*

The fastest way for Flandreau Indian School to share information regarding school delays and/or cancellations during inclement/bad weather or other situations that may impact our daily operations is through our automated call or text notification service and social media channels. Attendance calls typically are made to the listed home phone.

### **Remote/Virtual Classroom Schedule**

*\*See fall 2020 waiver application requirements (<https://returntolearn.bie.edu/school-leaders>)*

The Virtual Classroom will consist of interactions between students (video conference and/or teleconference where available) and teacher and planned lessons to encourage engagement.

- The schedule may mirror a traditional school day and will require students to engage in daily live instruction, through technology, with the full class, small group and individually as determined by the teacher.
- Students are encouraged to be in a setting that allows for learning, free from as many distractions as possible, and be dressed and ready for school.
- Daily attendance and immunization records are required.
- Student assessment of progress will be graded and recorded by the teacher.
- Google Classroom. Odysseyware and Zoom will be used systemically in grades 9-12 with some modifications based on grade levels.

### **Remote/ Virtual Learning Technical Support**

For all technical support questions, please contact the school office and a staff member will assist as soon as possible. (Insert name and number of contact individual) ---

### **Attendance and Truancy in Online Learning**

### **Distance learning FALL SEMESTER 2020**

## **Attendance**

- Students must login to OdysseyWare and put in school work time every day. Reports will be run every morning to verify attendance for the prior day based on the students log in.
- Calls will be made to parents if a student has not logged into OdysseyWare to verify attendance for the prior day. Arrangements will be made on a case by case basis if a student is not able to log onto OdysseyWare for attendance purposes.
- If you do not have technology and are in need please contact Kathy Renville @ 605-997-3773 ext. 2141 for assistance.

## **Pickup of Books, Devices & Materials**

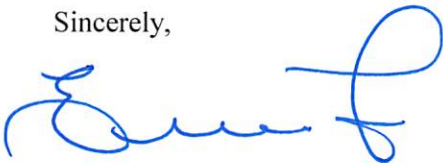
### **Technology**

If you advised the school that you are in need of technology (computer, hot spots etc.) we are diligently working on getting the information out to you. A form will be sent and needs to be returned before technology will be issued.

Information regarding the distribution of schedules, textbooks, school supplies, and devices will be provided through a courtesy call, email, or US Postal Service. Contact the school if you haven't received any information on technology or if you have any questions at: (605) 997-3773.

Lastly, we understand this school year is like no other and effects of the pandemic is challenging. We are looking forward to continue our partnership to support all students to learn at their highest potential and be reassured we are here to support y in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Everall Fox,  
Superintendent