

July 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Staff,

I'd like to provide you a quick update regarding our plans for the upcoming school year.

School Start Date: Vail schools will open remotely on August 10th.

Governor Ducey has delayed the start of in-person school until August 17th. However, schools are able to open remotely prior to that date. The Governor also stated they would, "continuously re-evaluate that date." If a decrease in COVID-19 rates are not seen, it is possible that the Governor may delay in-person classes beyond August 17th. VUSD will open in-person as soon as the State allows.

School Choices:

Once our campuses are able to open for in-person classes, there will be three options from which parents must choose:

- On Campus Learning (*begins when campuses re-open*)
- Brick to Click Learning (*begins when campuses re-open*)
- Full Time Digital Learning through the Vail Innovation Center (*begins August 10th*)

Because in-person classes are delayed, the On Campus and Brick to Click options will not begin until campuses are allowed to open. It is important to note that remote learning before our campuses open may look different from the Brick to Click option.

For more information regarding these three distinct options and other school opening information, please visit vailschooldistrict.org.

When school begins on August 10th, all Vail students will be taught remotely by their classroom teacher(s). Elementary school students will be provided with instruction and lessons to be completed daily. Middle and high school students will follow their course schedules.

We know parents have many questions regarding the three educational options and the remote start. We will be hosting a series of Virtual Town Halls over the next two weeks to answer questions that parents have. Please see the dates and times below.

Parents will receive a link the week of July 20th to an online portal where they will be asked to select the option that works best for their child(ren) and family.

School Calendar:

Starting school on August 10th requires that a few adjustments be made to the school calendar for next year. This issue is currently being studied by the Governing Board, but the current plan is to have a two-week fall break for all students from October 12th - 23rd and a one week spring break from March 15th - 19th. A draft of the school calendar is attached to this email.

I intend to continue sending a weekly email until school begins on August 10th. We are working out the details on issues like Senior Exit Projects and student travel. I hope to have updates on these issues as well as any new developments that may occur over the course of the week.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Carruth
Superintendent

Virtual Town Hall Schedule

Wednesday, 7/15 - 12:00pm

Thursday, 7/16 - 6:00pm

Friday, 7/17 - 11:30am

Monday, 7/20 - 6:00pm

Please RSVP to Cindy Petersen at petersenc@vailschooldistrict.org if you would like to attend. You will be sent log-in information at that time. Spots are limited to ensure quality discussions via zoom. Additional sessions will be added if needed.