

4/30/20 K-12 Schools Zoom Notes

Announcements:

MCIS Webinars in May

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bFNm3kYIOPBeUTTd2p_M5Sz2aMUOGz4

AP Update-

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/>

OPI School Re-Entry Guidance:

<https://news.mt.gov/mt-school-safety-advisory-committee-issues-school-re-entry-guidance>

MTDA Summer 2020 Registration Form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ShareFormPage.aspx?id=zfm09BfEZU6BQxDQ_niQU5ygiryyjxBJkk-_xkhE9uZUNVEzUDNCR0sxNlc2S0FNNTISVVhISzMyOS4u&sharetoken=g6ppVMej38f8zMSbYtED

Topics

- How did districts define non-proficiency and what are they doing for those students?
 - This was discussed in the HS share session last week
 - Alberton- D or F in 3rd Quarter is non-proficient
 - Missoula- will decide tomorrow
 - Broadview- answered in chat box

- What are districts deciding (stay virtual, return to school)?
 - Staying virtual- Bozeman, Alberton, Foothill Christian in Great Falls
 - Going back- Hamilton Christian
 - Haven't decided it- Broadview, Missoula

- How are people doing grades for the high school?
 - How will pass/fail impact GPA?
 - Great Falls- pass/fail and only doing core classes
 - Frenchtown- pass/fail and student/ parents will get a two-week window to make a request to have letter grades instead of P/F
 - Helena- no decision yet
 - Credit?
 - Bozeman: Students can enroll in a new original credit by signing up on a Google Form. (Typically students and parents sign off and the counselor meets with the student in person.)

- Capital in Helena shares the form, that they've used in the past, in the chat box
 - Idea for how to involve parents in this: students can fill out the form for the course that they want, then this form can be emailed to parents to make sure the parents are aware of the responsibilities involved in their child taking this class.
- What are people doing about those students who are not participating or failing for Q4? Grades used from Q3, work handed in from Q4? P/F?
 - Hellgate HS in Missoula- Made sure every teacher had a Q3 grade for each student so that decisions can be made from there
 - Capital in Helena- several students who have incompletes for Q3 right now. They have tracking forms for these students. This is resulting in high numbers of referrals.
 - Foothill Christian in Great Falls- They are doing two things for students who are not passing Q4 and doing so poorly that they might fail the semester: 1. Bringing students back the last week of May to work one-on-one with their teacher 2. Recovery classes through MTDA.
 - Jamie from Capital shares that MTDA has released their list of credit options for summer and fall. They are struggling with their budget so they may not be offering credit recovery classes in the summer but she is unsure about the fall.
 - Jess from Hellgate says that BYU classes are the most affordable that she is aware of and that is what her school uses.
- Any discussion about Fall? What concerns do you have?
 - Concerns:
 - How can you take someone's temperature outside before entering school?
 - How can students social distance, especially young students
 - How are they going to eat food with masks on?
 - Concerns about who will watch children if we don't have school right away in fall when parents work
 - I've heard this mentioned that some schools are opening to allow students access to the school's internet to work on assignments. What does that mean if the school is staying with virtual/remote learning, but you are allowing students in the building? Answer: I believe it is for this school year for students who are behind and need to catch up or they did not have access at home.
 - What do we do if teachers can't attend? Not enough subs
 - Communities are going to have to answer these questions together and discuss resources together

- Schools in the east proposed alternating days for students to allow for more social distancing. A blend of remote and in-person. Difficult to do with too many bodies
- It would be beneficial to have a K-12 share session in August when we know more.
- How many staff at risk or in the at-risk category? Have you been asked?
 - Alberton did a survey indicating there were a lot.
 - Bozeman did this as well.
- Graduation?
 - Alberton- parade that ends at the football field
 - Foothill Christian in GF- changed the venue but it's still happening (only 5 kids)
 - Bozeman - elementary and middle school- students' families drive around the parking lot while staff stands on the perimeter with signs and wave to them
 - Phillipsburg- outdoors in an amphitheater where people sit in groups in pods
 - Other ideas- limiting the amount of guests but recording it online, smaller schools can do it outside and social distance, students could walk around the track while staying 6 feet apart.
 - Helena- May 12th a decision will be made. Idea- dividing classes into groups of 50 (7 different graduations.) Students don't like this and would rather them all be on the field spaced out with no audience.
 - Missoula will likely do something virtual
- How is everyone feeling?
 - Mentally and emotionally exhausted, hit a wall last week but bounced back this week.
 - Ups and downs
 - Not reaching the elementary students
 - Idea: Check in with teachers again to see who they are concerned about, call each parent to see if they'd like for me to call/ video chat with their kids, if they don't have technology they can send a letter or a packet
- Have you had any success stories or fun moments?
 - Helena- celebrated Helena's Vigilantes Day virtually with an online spirit week (bring your pets to school day, virtual parade, school colors day, get-outside day, funny videos etc.)
 - Hellgate HS in Missoula- each staff gets a slide in a Google Slideshow, staff can win a gift card for participating
 - Florence- hung pictures of their seniors on their flag poles next to the highway. Some are doing that with yard signs in their yards

Resources:

Montana ACTE Career Services Courses- Free-

<https://mt.ctelearn.org/category/career+services>