July 21, 2020

Dear Timberline High Parent/Guardians, Faculty and Students –

I hope this message finds you healthy and doing well. As the start of the 2020-2021 school year quickly approaches, I want to assure you that we are continuously making adjustments to Timberline’s Pandemic Operations Plan. Please know that Boise School District Administration is working closely with community health care organizations and monitoring the current escalation in COVID-19 positive cases as it relates to the start of the school year. As new information is made available to us, we will continue with these adjustments and communicate as quickly and efficiently as possible with all Timberline community stakeholders.

I also want to encourage you to reach out to us, as we are currently available to assist you in answering questions and supporting you in making the best decisions for your student and family for the upcoming school year. The Boise School District recently developed an FAQ (frequently asked questions) that addresses many of the questions and concerns you may have about the upcoming school year. For more information on the Boise School District online school option please visit their website at: Boise Online Learning. In addition please review the Secondary course catalog. Some of the classes your students were planning on taking in person at Timberline may not be available at the online school option. There are multiple tabs at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

Should you have questions that are not answered by the FAQ, please contact us directly at Timberline High School. If you have questions specific to class schedules, be it online or brick and mortar (in-person), the best individual to communicate with is your student’s counselor:

Craig Arnzen (last names beginning with letters A – D) craig.arnzen@boiseschools.org
Luanne Briggs (last names beginning with letters E - J & AVID) luanne.briggs@boiseschools.org
Scott Warnock (last names beginning with letters K - Q) scott.warnock@boiseschools.org
Lisa Ennis (last names beginning with letters R – Z) lisa.ennis@boiseschools.org
Donna Decker (College and Career Counselor – All Students) donna.docker@boiseschools.org

The counseling staff is available now and prepared to provide you with information and options. The two primary options available, as described in the FAQ, are either fully online through the Boise Online Program or full time in person attendance at Timberline. An additional option you may be exploring for your student is a “blended” schedule. A blended schedule is one in which your student would attend some classes at Timberline/DTEC/TVMSC and some online. In this scenario, the online portion of the classes would likely be through IDLA (Idaho Digital Learning Academy). It is important to note that, should this be an option you choose, there will be no cost for the IDLA classes. Please reach out as soon as possible to your student’s counselor to discuss options and make enrollment plans; whichever option is best for your student and family. The sooner we have accurate information about student enrollment,
the more efficiently we will be able to finalize plans for class section totals, classroom physical distancing and campus traffic scenarios.

Also, if your student also does not need a certain in-building course on their schedule because it is not needed for graduation, we would encourage them to drop the non-required course and reschedule it for a later time.

If you have questions that are more general in nature, i.e. physical distancing guidelines, expected use of PPE, access to lockers, cafeteria safeguards, etc.... please contact your student’s assistant principal:

Myrna Avila (Seniors) myrna.avila@boiseschools.org
Tim Ellinghouse (Juniors) tim.ellinghouse@boiseschools.org
Jeff Lamping (Sophomores) jeff.lamping@boiseschools.org

This year we will not be doing our normal back to school registration/schedule pick up/picture days. We are working on a new process and will email it to students and parents as soon it is finalized.

Although the start of this school year is not shaping up to be what we may want, I assure you that we will do our very best to make this a positive, memorable, safe and healthy school year experience for all involved. With the physical and emotional well-being of our students and staff as our most important priority, I am confident that we will all get through this together. We will continue to work toward our goals, focus on our values and demonstrate the ability to pivot quickly as the environment requires flexibility and adjustment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any assistance. I hope we can all see one another safely and soon.

Sincerely,
Diana Molino
Principal