



Dear SCC Staff,

I would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to everyone that I have met for the warm welcome to the District. I have most definitely hit the ground running and look forward to the opportunity to interact with and meet all of you.

It has definitely been and most likely will continue to be a challenging year for education. As many of you know the Iowa Department of Education has required school districts to develop a *Return to Learn Plan* with assurances that we as a District can meet required *Health/Safety, Social Emotional, Academic, Equity and Digital Learning* guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year.

The District began the process of writing a comprehensive Return to Learn plan in June by assembling a group of SCC personnel including but not limited to (transportation, custodial, principals, nurses, athletic director, counselors and TLC teacher leaders) and have worked over the last several weeks to brainstorm how school may look this fall. The formation of these groups was done in no effort to exclude anyone from participating in the planning process but to get the ball rolling with the development of the plan. We are now getting to the point where there is a skeleton of the plan coming together that will reflect the District’s ability to move between on-site learning and remote learning (if necessary). Prior to the plan being released live to the general public, each of you will have an opportunity to review the plan, ask questions and be a major part in refining what will and what will not work going forth. The dates and times of these individual building opportunities will be shared in later correspondence and will be communicated through email by your building principals.

Throughout the development of this plan the situation has been highly dynamic and fluid as new guidance from the Iowa Department of Education, the CDC and Calhoun County Public Health has greatly influenced the timing and processes of preparing for the fall. Regardless, we are planning for a face-to-face opening on August 24th with many new COVID procedures and policies in place. There is no doubt that things will look and feel different at the start of this school year but together we will do our part, with what we can control, to provide a safe and secure learning environment for everyone at SCC.

Please know that as we finalize plans, further information will be communicated with you shortly about TLC professional development opportunities, state required trainings and back to school pre-service days. Thank you all for your patience and enjoy the remainder of your summer..

Respectfully,
Brad Anderson
Superintendent