



## Independent School District #1

### Aitkin Public Schools

*"A community in continuous pursuit of educational excellence for all"*

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#### **Aitkin High School and District Office**

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September 22, 2020

Parents and Families of ISD #1

At the school board meeting on Monday September 21st, the school board agreed to, and approved, my request to modify the school day at Aitkin Public Schools. Due to the increased time needed to prepare and deliver instruction to all of our students in our dual model system of In-Person and Remote Learning, the board agreed to modify our school day by dismissing students 40 minutes early at the end of the day.

We will begin our new schedule on Monday October 5, 2020. The school board agreed to modify our schedule for the rest of the first semester. We will shorten our in-person day by approximately 40 minutes at the end of the day. This time will be used by staff to build lessons, identify needs and challenges for all students. It will also provide time for staff to connect with remote students and our remote learning families. As the first semester progresses, the school board will be meeting to evaluate the success of this plan, and will make a decision regarding if we continue with a modified time schedule into the second semester.

This will move Rippleside Dismissal time to 2:20 p.m. each day. The buses will leave from Rippleside at 2:30. Parent Pick up will follow starting at 2:30. Walkers will leave the building at 2:30. Child Care options will be available through Kids Club. Contact Lara Parkin with our Community Education office at 927-7736 for further details.

The High School will dismiss at 2:40 p.m. each day and should leave the High School by 2:50 each day. Practices, group meetings, and after school activities will not begin until after 3:30. Each building will create a plan for students involved with after school activities for the students that will be involved after 3:30. If coaches/advisors are not teachers or para's and are available before 3:30, they can start practices earlier if it works into their schedules. This information will be shared with our students by their coaches and advisors.

I want to thank all of our students, families and staff for your continued support and patience as we move forward. When we all work together we can accomplish almost anything.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Stifter

Superintendent

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