

Statement from Superintendent Adam Hatfield

We are aware that our community has many questions regarding USD 353's plan to reopen schools for the 2020-21 school year. I wanted to take a moment to address what we know at this point. There are currently many educators across the state that are collaborating with the Kansas State Department of Education on a plan that will give our district guidance for reopening schools in the fall. This plan is expected to be released to schools in mid-July. Soon after this information is released, the Sumner County superintendents will meet with the Sumner County Health Department to use the guidance plan along with local health guidelines to finalize a plan for our district. In the meantime, we will continue working on preparations for the fall with our staff. Our hope is that we are able to open schools in the fall and get students back into the classroom. However, it is important that we plan for every scenario, so that we can provide educational opportunities for the students in our district while continuing to follow guidelines to promote the safety and well being of our community.

Please continue to check the USD 353 website as we will release more information when it becomes available. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this process.

Thank you, Adam Hatfield Superintendent, USD 353