

## BOARD BRIEFS

August 17, 2021, Board Business Meeting  
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### Recognitions

Congratulations to GJHS senior Dean Withers (pictured, left) and FMHS 2021 graduate Kade Bessert for placing in the Top 10 in the nation in their categories at the National FBLA Conference.



### Athletics Update

District 51 home games do not require masks for athletes or spectators, since they are in schools after hours. However, Mesa County athletes and spectators have to follow the rules of the county in which they are competing at visitor games. D51 Athletics also is feeling the effects of a supply shortage as well; the district is short on football helmets and has stocked up on tennis balls, softballs, and baseballs.



### Business Items

The board voted in favor of the following actions:

- \* [Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the November 2021 Election](#)
- \* [Approval of Online Learning for Students for the 2021-2022 School Year](#)
- \* [Approval of Revised Bond Language](#)
- \* [First Reading of changes to Policies JLCD: Administering Medicines to Students and JLCDB: Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students](#)



### Future Meetings

[Sept. 7](#) - School Board Work Session, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room

[Sept. 21](#) - School Board Business Meeting, 6 p.m., Harry Butler Board Room



### Back to School Update

On Monday, the [D51 Data Dashboard](#) went live on [d51schools.org](https://d51schools.org) and shows the number of COVID-19 cases among students and staff. The data shows active cases per day; that

means cases are included in the count as long as a person is out with COVID, not just on the first day a person is out with COVID. Some of the students who tested positive for COVID-19 have not yet been in school.

Because the district is not requiring masks, schools need to be more proactive with symptomatic individuals in school. A chart that can be found [here](#) shows what steps are taken when a person shows symptoms of COVID-19.

A person who tests positive for COVID-19 must stay home from school for 10 days. If a class or cohort at the elementary level has one person in the class or cohort test positive for COVID-19, the rest of the class can continue to come to school, but must wear a mask for 14 days in order to stay in school during that time. If there are three cases in an elementary class or cohort within a 14-day period, all members of the classroom cohort will go into remote learning. At the middle and high school level, one case will prompt an exposure letter, three cases in a class or cohort within 14 days mean unvaccinated students and staff must receive a negative COVID-19 test to avoid quarantine, and five cases within 14 days means everyone in the class or cohort must quarantine unless they are both fully vaccinated *and* not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The protocols above can be read [here](#), in a post included in the [Keeping Schools Open Plan](#) sent to families and staff on Aug. 6.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay from the state in getting equipment for testing in schools and there are shortages of rapid tests in town, so it may take 24 hours to get test results. Schools hope to have access to rapid tests soon and are only be able to test students with parental permission.

The Keeping Schools Open Task Force continues to meet once a week. The makeup of the task force is district staff, including nursing services; medical community personnel; teachers; and family and community members, all with differing views. The task force is not a decision-making body - it is a place to gain information and hear a variety of perspectives to guide decisions. The board also reads all emails that come to them from the community though, due to volume, they cannot reply to each one.

### Strategic Plan

A strategic planning process gathers input from the community, sets priorities, and creates measurable goals for an organization's decision-making for years to come.



D51 embarked on a strategic planning process at the start of 2020. To ensure that information gathered from listening sessions at that time is still relevant, another series of listening sessions will take place next month. All listening sessions will be facilitated by the Colorado Education Initiative and take place online from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on the following days:

- [Sept. 14 \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Sept. 16 \(English\)](#)
- [Sept. 20 \(English\)](#)
- [Sept. 21 \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Sept. 29 \(English\)](#)

The district is also forming a [Strategic Plan Steering Committee](#) to guide the creation of a draft plan to present to the D51 School Board in December. The application will be posted today at [d51schools.org](https://d51schools.org).

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