



September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Hello Wrangell Parents, Students, and Community,

School has started at all of the Wrangell Public Schools buildings this week and the students are live and ready to go!! Thank you to all that were involved in the process of getting the 2021-2022 school year off to a great start!! It is important to give credit to the families that get students prepared for school each day and are an integral part of educating our Wrangell students.

Mrs. Jenn Miller-Yancey and Mr. Bob Davis and the entire staffs of EES, SMS, and WHS need a big round of applause for making the first days of school flow so easily and effortlessly. They were working very hard to get everything prepared for the students return this year.

As of this writing we are at an enrollment level of over 260 students which is a mark that both the community, students, and parents are working together during these uncertain times to make sure that our future generations continue to receive a strong educational foundation to build on and to make the COVID "gap" talked about in other areas, become a COVID "Challenge" in Wrangell and although we will not be without our hardships in our year both in educational and social emotional areas they will just be challenges that we can overcome.

On the issue of challenges, we received word today (9.1.21) of a positive case related to services provided to the school that effects a small number of our students as "Close Contacts" these parents will receive notification if they were a close contact of the service or not identified but in the area of students who were. The letters will state what to do and if any quarantining is required. We do encourage any families of students that develop any COVID symptoms (regardless of close contact status) to please quarantine until a negative test result. Close contacts should follow the directions in the letter.

This will not be the last time that a situation might occur (although we hope they will be few) and we at the school will continue to follow our communication and mitigation plans. It is the Wrangell Public Schools goal to keep our doors open for our students and work in the best interests of our educational community.

Sincerely,

Bill Burr  
Superintendent, Wrangell Public Schools