

# The Weekly Comet Update

From Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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## NO School and Early Dismissal Dates

- September 6 - No School (Labor Day)
- September 15 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Learning
- October 6 & 7 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30-8:00 PM)
- October 8 - No School
- October 20 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal - Teacher Professional Learning
- November 1 - No School - Teacher Professional Learning
- November 24-26 - No School Thanksgiving Break
- December 23 - January 3 - No School (Winter Break); School Resumes on January 4 (Start of 2nd Semester); Teacher Professional

## Back to School

Students returned to school on Monday, August 23. It was once again outstanding to see them walking in the doors of the school buildings and seeing them interacting with each other in class and outside of class.

Some key components of our district’s “Return to Learn” plan as required by the Iowa Department of Education are the following:

1. Masks are not required in school or on school transportation. They are optional for students and staff members. The state legislature passed legislation near the end of last school year banning masks to be required in school settings.

• *At the same time, the CDC is recommending masks are worn in public places, and the federal government and the CDC state that individuals riding public transportation (school buses as an example) should wear a mask. The Bellevue CSD is following our state guidance at this time based on multiple conversations with others inside and outside of our district.*

2. Students can continue online learning at the Bellevue CSD IF they were involved last year and have a medical condition in their household documented a medical professional.

3. Close Contacts do NOT need to stay home. Anyone testing positive will need to stay home for 10 days, but close contacts do not need to stay home IF they are not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. Parents may also choose to keep students home if they are a close contact and a form of online/virtual learning will be offered to keep students on-track with their grade level and classes.

The “Return to Learn” plan can also be accessed on our website at [www.bellevue.k12.ia.us](http://www.bellevue.k12.ia.us).

## Students and Learning...In-School and Outside-of-School



