

Update – October 29, 2020

Parents & Patrons,

I need to inform you of a recent decision made by the Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH). During a meeting today, it was decided to move Bingham County into the “High Risk” category related to COVID-19. By now, you all should be aware that each school district was tasked with creating a COVID-19 response plan which aligned with their regional public health plan. The Blackfoot School District has such a plan, and it can be accessed on our website:

<https://www.d55.k12.id.us/>

Our plan states that the Blackfoot School Board has up to one week to ratify the decision made by SIPH. This means that until the school board meets to make a decision, we will continue with school as planned. It is my understanding that our school board can agree to ratify the change in category and respond accordingly, agree to not ratify the change in category and our schools would remain in the “Moderate Risk” category, or make an entirely new response, which is within their right. I will work with the board chair to schedule a special board meeting for the upcoming week. I will be sure to share with you when that meeting will be held once it is scheduled.

In the meantime, I will be working to gather information for the board to help make a decision. As is customary, I will make a recommendation to the board at which time they can take the action they deem appropriate. Please know I am well aware of the desires of our parents. I will use this time to have conversations with our staff. I hope to have a decision sooner rather than later so that students and families can have time to make the necessary arrangements brought about by the school board’s decision.

Once again, 2020 has delivered a new loop in the roller coaster ride. I promised some positive news. I will have to postpone that another day or two, but there are good things to share, even during these ever-uncertain times. As always, should you need to communicate your sentiments regarding this issue, please feel free to reach out to me via email: kresb@d55.k12.id.us or you can reach me at the office by calling: 208-785-8800. I hope you all have a fun Halloween. Please do all you can to stay safe and healthy.

God Bless!

Brian Kress