resa Phillips commented that sports teams represented groups outside of class who spend significant time together.

Somers said that he anticipates that similar data would be received today but the survey would be

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different. He concluded that in-person learning was preferred but that the alternative of part-time online learning was also popular.

Somers said that the entire plan document was sent out to families along with a form asking them to indicate their preferences by July 31. This would aid with planning transportation and other scheduling.

The plan is the product of the work of many working groups and state and county officials.

Masks will be required on buses, entering and exiting buildings, in hallways, restrooms, and other common areas. They may be optional in certain classes where distancing can be maintained. The district will emphasize that this as a way of caring for each other.

Some considerations would be one-way hallways where possible and staggered passing times.

Hand sanitizer stations will be available and the younger students will have a regular schedule for

Elementary students would be kept in cohorts,



maintaining the same students and teacher throughout the day to aid in contact tracing should a positive test result occur. Secondary students could still have elective classes but the scheduling will depend on the results of response from families.

The Colorado High School Athletic Association will provide guidelines for sports.

Large gatherings such as Back to School Night will be held online.

Regarding lunch, meal accounts will be preferred to cash. Students will still be allowed to leave the campus for lunch.

Drinking fountains will only be provided for filling water bottles.

Benton said that there is now a Colorado Department of Education-approved online plan for elementary students should distance learning again become required. There had been such a program for grades 7 to 12 prior to the pandemic. Assessment will continue to be via PSAT and NWEA tests.

Executive Director of Exceptional Student Service Rick Frampton addressed the aspect of social and emotional learning during the pandemic.

He said the success of the distance learning plan in the spring was due to the teachers already being familiar with their students. This year, efforts will be made to make those connections early in the event that remote learning needs to be reinstated. Full-time online students will have a mentor from their own

Somers said that at the elementary level, teachers will develop a way to check in on a regular basis to see how students are doing.

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