

# Moss Bluff Elementary 2020 – 2021 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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The health and safety of everyone in the MBE family remains our priority as we continue to plan and prepare for the start of school in August. This document will address frequently asked questions and concerns surrounding the implementation of the CPSB Return to School Plan and the uncertainty of the upcoming school year. Updates will be continually added as new information is confirmed. We appreciate your unwavering support and patience, and we are committed to making this school year a safe and positive experience for our school family. We are MBE Strong!

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## **How do I enroll my student in a virtual CPSB Connected Classroom?**

Visit [www.cpsb.org](http://www.cpsb.org), open the link for the CPSB 2020 - 2021 Return to School Plan and click on the Connected Classrooms link on page 6 of the document. Information can also be accessed at <https://www.cpsb.org/connectedclassroomsplan>. The deadline to register is July 22. Details on devices, internet access, and scheduling can also be found in the CPSB document. A two-week grace period from the start of school will be provided for any family that chooses to switch virtual and face-to-face learning options. After August 28 students must remain in their chosen setting until January. A new enrollment option will be provided at that time.

## **Will my child fall behind their peers at MBE if we choose to enroll in a CPSB Connected Classroom?**

Our goal is to have every MBE student succeed, regardless of the educational setting that they choose to enroll in for the 2020 fall semester. Students enrolled in CPSB Connected Classrooms will not be receiving identical instruction as those in the face-to-face setting because they will not be taught by MBE teachers.

**Will my child have to wear a face covering at MBE?** All students will wear an approved face covering (mask or neck buff) during arrival, transitions between classes, dismissal, and while riding a bus. Students in grades 3 - 5 are also required to wear approved face coverings during instruction in the classroom. K-2 students may also wear them. The school will provide a secure pouch on a lanyard to hold face coverings when not in use. Specific questions regarding face coverings are addressed in the CPSB 2020 - 2021 Code of Conduct found at <https://www.cpsb.org/Page/412>.

**What will arrival look like at MBE?** All staff members will complete a screening and temperature check prior to entering the main buildings. Families will screen their children each morning, and students will also be assessed upon arrival. All students and bus riders will have their temperature checked in their homeroom when they enter the main building. Upon entry, everyone will clean hands with sanitizer from the stations that have been installed at every main entrance and in every classroom. Breakfast will be provided. Serving details for breakfast will be posted once they are confirmed.

**Will the class sizes be smaller?** Staffing and enrollment have not been adjusted, resulting in the same size classes as previous years. The number of students enrolled in virtual CPSB Connected Classrooms will determine the number of students in the face-to-face setting.

**Will my child come in contact with other students around the school?** Each homeroom class will be grouped as a "static group." Each static group will stay together for all aspects of the school day -

breakfast, lunch, recess, core instruction, transitions and enrichment classes. Static groups will be social distanced in the classrooms to the maximum extent possible. Restrooms and transitions will be monitored for appropriate social distancing between static groups.

**How much will my child move around the school throughout the day?** Students will report directly to their classrooms each morning. Students will stay in their classrooms for all core instruction - math, science, ELA, and social studies. Students will stay in place and departmentalized teachers will switch classrooms in grades 3 - 5 to teach their specific subjects. Students will transition with their homeroom/static group to enrichment classes. Enrichment classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each class. Each homeroom/static group will have a designated area to play on the playground. Each homeroom/static group will eat lunch in designated areas, both inside and outside.

**What will happen when a staff member or student tests positive for COVID? What will happen if staff members or students begin showing symptoms during the school day?** Final details will be provided once they are confirmed by the district. A heavy emphasis will be placed on all proactive measures to keep our entire school family healthy and safe. We will have a designated area used as an isolated room to house students with symptoms until they are picked up. Students will not be referred to Child Welfare and Attendance for excessive absences due to quarantine.

**When will I know details about the bus schedule?** Information is currently being gathered with a family survey that was emailed to you and is also posted on our website for Moss Bluff Elementary. Results will be compiled, and information will be posted prior to the start of school. Parent transportation is encouraged.

**Will Extended Day be offered after school?** We will offer Extended Day services to all our families **if it is allowed**. Details will be updated as soon as decisions are made by the district.

**When will we receive our welcome letter from our homeroom teacher? When will Meet & Greet be hosted?** Welcome letters will be mailed with Meet & Greet information at the beginning of August. Rosters will be finalized as soon as we can determine the number of students enrolled in CPSB Connected Classrooms, and group students in static groups based on the support services they receive (Speech, SPARK, etc.).

**How will SPARK, Speech, etc be conducted?** Students in each homeroom/static group will receive services in a separate classroom at a designated time. Additional details will be posted as they are confirmed.

**What will my child need for school each day?** Each child will need to exit their vehicle or the bus with their supplies needed for the day, an approved face covering, and a water bottle, if possible. Clear water bottles with a pop-top option are preferred. Also, younger students should be familiar with procedures to open all items in their lunchbox.

**What can I do to prepare my child for face-to-face learning this school year?** Let them know we are excited to see them! Yes, this school year will be very different, but we are determined to make the best of the situation for all involved. Your child can also practice wearing a face covering appropriately, and practice proper hand washing. Additional information will be available soon. Stay tuned to [www.cpsb.org](http://www.cpsb.org) and [www.cpsb.org/mossbluffelemenary](http://www.cpsb.org/mossbluffelemenary) for the latest updates