Return to Learn Open Forum
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 6pm

Thank you for joining us this evening.

Phil Mikulski, Superintendent

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Recognition

Return to Learn Taskforce Members

Food Service Personnel

Custodial Crews

Teachers and Support Staff

Administrative Team

Board of Education

Health Department No. 2

Parents, Students, Community

Agenda

- Guiding Principles
- Phases of Learning
- Safety Protocols
- Instruction
- Temporary Shifts to Remote Learning
- Virtual Learning Option and Demonstration
- Positive COVID-19 Scenarios (Health Department Involvement)
- Athletics and Extra Curriculars
- Questions

Guiding Principles

How do we ensure that parents have some choices in the fall if they are not comfortable immediately sending children to school?

How can those choices allow fluid transitions if things are going well and more families decide to return to school, or if things are moving back towards more remote learning?

How do we support teachers, food service workers, bus drivers, etc. with the heavy demands that are required in the plans while also meeting the needs of our families and community?

Guiding Principles (cont.)

How do we embrace our Vision and Mission: "The School of Choice for Educational Excellence….Your Future Begins Here" within our plans?

How do the choices provided keep students in the district so that we are not impacted by state funding cuts and student loss, recognizing that per pupil funding is the main source of revenue to operate our school district?

Guiding Principles (cont.)

How do our plans fit in the current pupil accounting manual which mandates 180 days of instruction, 1098 hours of instruction and 75% daily attendance?

Phases of Learning (1-6)

Phase 6 = Normal schooling. No restrictions.

Phase 5 = Face-to-face schooling with safety recommendations encouraged. We will continue to follow all guidelines regarding regularly washing our hands, asking families to be diligent in not sending children to school when they are sick, following MHSAA guidelines for extracurricular activities, and monitoring things closely. A remote option is still available for families in this phase.

Phases of Learning (cont.)

<u>Phase 4 (our current phase)</u> = This phase requires that those riding the school bus, attending school, and participating or watching extracurricular activities engage in social distancing, wear face coverings, regularly wash their hands, and do not attend school or events if sick. Surfaces and touch points in all facilities and buses will be sanitized regularly per the guidelines and deep cleaning will be performed as often as possible. This phase will be the most difficult as it is in this phase that we will be providing both face-to-face instruction and remote learning for those choosing not to or are unable to attend.

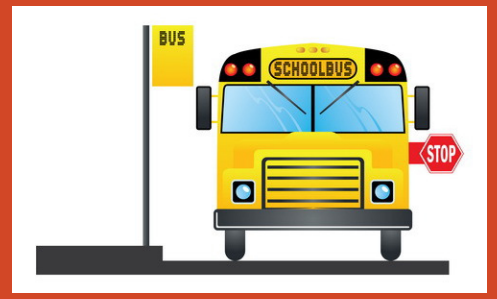
Phases of Learning (cont.)

Phase 1-3: In these phases, the district will only be offering remote learning and all buildings will be closed to students. The remote learning will be much more rigorous than experienced from March 2020 to June 2020. Teachers will prepare their lessons, engage in meaningful feedback and assessment, and do their best to maximize the remote formats available to provide instruction with a structured schedule. There will be no transportation or extracurricular activities offered and our food service team will schedule meal pick-up times and deliveries like they have been doing since March 2020.

Safety Protocols (Phase 4)

- Alignment and coordination with Health Department No. 2
- Strict cleaning and hygiene protocols
- Daily self-screening conducted by staff prior to school entry
- No visitors in buildings
- Signage and markings to promote safety protocols and distancing
- Face coverings required at all times for all staff (K-12) and students in grades 6-12. Face coverings for all staff/students in grades K-12 when in common areas.

Safety Protocols (cont.)



- Grades K-5 – Cohort Model (students stay together)
- Reasonable distancing in classrooms with additional safety precautions
- Modified lunch, recess, and extra curricular program procedures
- School Transportation: Face coverings and sanitizer prior to boarding
- Daily student screening conducted by family prior to school entry
- Periodic classroom or building closures due to traceable outbreak

Phase 4 and Phase 5 Instruction

Face-to-face and 100% virtual programming that will focus on:

- Standards aligned curriculum and instruction
- Daily lessons and activities, provided by teachers, available face-to-face AND online for students who cannot attend face- to-face
- Instruction and communication delivered in-person and via common online platforms including family and student supports

Phase 4 and Phase 5 Instruction (cont.)

Face-to-face and 100% virtual programming that will focus on:

- Ongoing professional development for staff on best practices
- Continued implantation of IEP's and 504 plans

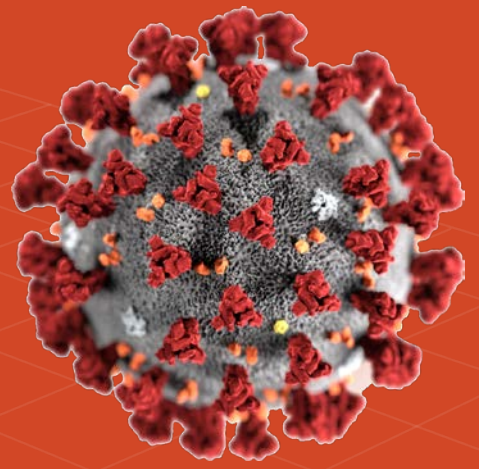
Phases 1-3 Instruction

Remote learning will focus on:

- New learning through standards-aligned curriculum
- Ongoing assessments and accountability through grading and feedback
- Systems to monitor and track attendance
- Instruction and communication delivered via common online platform, including family supports
- Continued implementation of IEPs and 504 plans.

Temporary Shifts to Remote Learning

COVID-19 cases may require schools to pause in person instruction and shift temporarily to remote learning. This could be mandated by the Governor or because of local cases within our school and community.



100% Virtual Learning Option -New this fall

Common online platform. Mirroring the work being done face-to-face.

Allows for potential shifts from online to face-to-face due to illness

Accelerate Learning – Canvas Platform

Accelerated Learning Demo

Scenario of Positive Case of COVID-19

- Staff, Student, Parent, Sibling

Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities – MHSAA Guidance

Fall athletics will be “phased-in”

Eliminated scrimmages in all fall sports

Finalized sport specific guidance documents. Mhsaa.com

New competition limits to limit the numbers of teams and individuals at one competition site. No large scale events, invitationals, or tournaments.

Cross county and swimming can start practice and competition as scheduled (indoor swimming practice once pool is open)

Athletics and Extra Curricular (cont.)

Soccer and Volleyball can start practice as scheduled pending the opening of school gyms. Delay the start of competitions. Decisions will be made on or by August 20.

Delayed the start of football practice with full player pads until Monday, August 17. Week of August 10 is conditioning and training without equipment. Decisions on competition timelines (to start or delay further) will be made on or by August 20.

Other school-based extra curricular programming will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Questions?

Final comments, closing remarks

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