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YOUR SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS UPDATE

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Communication: Top Priority in This Challenging Time

Dear Shelby City School District Community,

We are excited to welcome our students and staff members back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. Like you, our hope is to have students learning in the classroom. We believe this can be accomplished if we work together to ensure the safety of all students.

In many ways, reopening school this year will look entirely different than it has in years past. We are working hard to ease this transition. That said, there may be bumps in the road; in the coming months flexibility will be key. Information is ever changing as we continue to work with the guidelines from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, Governor of Ohio, and the Shelby City Health Department. Communication will remain a top priority during this challenging time.

Through our partnership with the necessary agencies, we have worked hard to balance educational and family needs with keeping everyone safe so that learning can take place. We hear your challenges and concerns and we are addressing them for the 2020-2021 school year.

We will be very reliant on our parents, students and staff collaboration to execute this plan. This includes being supportive of new safety procedures and personal hygiene practices. It is also imperative that families not only monitor their own health, but keep students home when any symptoms of



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*- Tim Tarvin, Superintendent
Shelby City Schools*

illness are present.

As we begin to reopen, we must consider some important factors. Reopening schools will differ from school district to school district throughout the state and nation - and our plan will even differ when compared with some of our neighboring districts. We are striving to develop the best plan for our Shelby students in conjunction with the health department.

In order to keep students in the classrooms we need healthy teachers and staff. If teacher and staff absences outpace the availability of

substitute teachers, we will be unable to continue with in-person learning. We understand that there is no replacement for a teacher who works directly with each Shelby student. Despite the uncertainty, we assure you that relationships will be the center of Shelby City Schools learning.

As we begin to reopen it is going to take every family working together to help ensure a safe return to school and also to ensure that we are able to remain open. We are asking every family to be vigilant in monitoring their own health and supportive of new procedures and the inconveniences that may accompany the reopening while navigating COVID-19.

It is important to remember that the information and guidance in our reopening plan is subject to change quickly based on state and local guidance and/or directives; we encourage everyone to remain flexible. Finally, we pledge to keep everyone informed as much as possible as we move forward during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Tim Tarvin

Superintendent, Shelby City Schools

Inside:

**Shelby City Schools
Restart / Reopening
Plans for 2020-2021
School Year**



SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS

2020-2021

Restart/Reopening Plans

- ✓ First Day of School for Face-to-Face instruction is Monday, August 24.
- ✓ First Day of School for Whippet Academy instruction is Monday, August 31.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 1 Shelby School personnel will work closely with the Ohio Department of Health and the Shelby City Health Department to promote the safety of our students and staff. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 among our staff or students, we will work with health officials to implement the appropriate steps.
- 2 Shelby's plan reflects the most up-to-date information at the time of development and is subject to change as additional or new information becomes available.
- 3 Following safety guidelines not only allows us to reopen but will best allow us to remain open, keeping students in school and maximizing learning. We will work to keep our staff and students as safe as possible.

CHOOSE FACE-TO-FACE OR DIGITAL INSTRUCTION

2 Pathways for 2020-21:
FAMILY CHOICE

A

B

Whippet Academy

A 100% digital instruction program that allows a family to opt in to a fully online curriculum - monitored by Shelby teachers

Face-to-Face Instruction

Prioritizes Face-to-Face Instruction

FACE-TO-FACE WITH HEALTH PROTOCOLS

All students attend in-person each day

REMOTE LEARNING

All students in an enhanced remote learning program designed with student, staff and family feedback

More Information: www.shelbyK12.org

Reopening Plan Correlation to Ohio Public Health Advisory System

Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public			
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Public Emergency Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.
LEVEL 1-4 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL HEALTH ORDERS			
Over 60% of Ohioans are considered high-risk based on CDC guidance. High-risk individuals* are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19, including following higher risk level guidance outlined below. Consult a doctor about your risk.			

- The district or an individual building **may** be directed to be closed by Shelby Public Health
- If ODE or SPH develop “district specific” Risk Levels those **may** become triggers for changes
- If teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism outpaces available substitutes, school **may** shift to Remote Learning.

Crosswalk Shelby City Risk Levels to School Operations			
LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
ALL IN PLAN All Students Every Day	ALL IN PLAN All Students Every Day	ALL IN PLAN OR REMOTE LEARNING	REMOTE LEARNING All Students Learn from Home
All in Plan (students in class all day, everyday) students are required to have a face covering on buses, in common areas, and other areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.		Mandatory face coverings at all times.	

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS



FACE COVERINGS We protect each other by wearing face coverings. Wearing face coverings is our #1 weapon to fight this virus and keep school open. Students and staff are required to have face coverings with them at all times. There will be situations when face coverings will be required (bus, passing period, hallway, clinics, or classroom activities where social distancing is not an option).



TRAINING Professional development will be provided to all staff at start of school year on symptom and screening measures.



DIVIDED CLINIC LOCATIONS There will be an area for students displaying symptoms who are waiting to be picked up and another area for medication distribution, etc.



SEATING CHARTS Seating charts will be required on buses, in classrooms, and in the cafeteria. Siblings will be seated together on buses.



HAND WASHING Hand washing will be required throughout the day. Additional hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.



HEALTH ASSESSMENTS Staff and students self-assess for symptoms prior to school; and temperature checks for staff and students at start of school day will be required.



WATER BOTTLES Students will be allowed to carry water bottles.



NO OUTSIDE FOOD DELIVERIES Deliveries will not be permitted into schools for students or staff during the school day.



STAY HOME IF SICK Families must screen their children and keep them home if ill. Sick children will be directed immediately upon arrival to the nurse who will require him/her to be picked up if exhibiting symptoms.



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Shelby City Schools is Ready for Our Students to Return to School

Shelby City Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive and innovative learning environment for all students this coming school year. We are currently disinfecting our buildings in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition, we are hanging signs and placing visual cues throughout buildings encouraging good hand hygiene and physical distancing.

Our plan for reopening is dependent upon both the Ohio Public Health Advisory System and the Shelby City Health Department. We have a plan that correlates with the Ohio COVID-19 risk levels provided by the state. But keep in mind that plans can quickly become fluid. Here is what we are currently planning:

- **Level 1, Yellow:** All In Plan (students in class all day, every day) students are required to have a face covering on buses, in common areas, and other areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.

- **Level 2, Orange:** All In Plan (students in class all day, every day) students are required to have a face covering on buses, in common areas, and other areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Level 3, Red:** All In Plan (students in class all day, every day) with **mandatory face coverings at all times** or switch to Remote Learning
- **Level 4, Purple:** Close school and go to Remote Learning with all students learning from home.

Whether our students are in the classroom or learning remotely, adopting practices that will reduce the risk and exposure of COVID-19 to our students and staff is an essential piece of keeping our kids in the classroom – or getting them **back** in the classroom if we should have to move to a remote learning environment.

We are excited for the return of our students, and we recognize that this school year may be challenging. However, we are committed to working together to make this school year successful; go Whippets.