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Students, Staff, and Community,

As we move towards the start of the 2020-21 school year many questions remain unanswered surrounding what "typical" looks like for our school district, but the same statement can be made for the other 600 plus school districts across the state of Ohio. While many return to school plans may be similar in nature, some will display several contrasting traits, no plan can be a one size fits all. These plans are an effort to provide guidance as well as a resource moving forward during these challenging times for our students, parents, and staff. The district has provided brief answers to some of the most frequently ask questions since the release of our plan in an effort to support the transition back to school no matter the circumstance. Please feel free to submit any additional questions to returntoschool@trimblelocalschools.org moving forward in an effort to make this a smooth transition. It is still our intentions to make an announcement next week surrounding our plans for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Hurd', is written over a horizontal line.

John Hurd
Superintendent

FAQ Return to School Plan

“Has our school calendar changed for the 2020-21 school year?”

- Yes, we will start with students on August 21st instead of our original start date of August 19th. We have also added September 3rd and 4th as student days due to the cancellation of the Old Settlers Reunion.

“I noticed the restart plan has 4 options, which one are we using?”

- At this point we haven't made a decision. It is our intention to monitor the active cases of COVID and the county status in an effort to make the best decision possible for the community and students of Trimble Local. We tentatively have targeted **the week of August 3rd** as our date for the official announcement. Our restart plan just provides the four best options for our district as we move forward.

“I have considered an online or digital platform for my student vs traditional face to face instruction. Is this something Trimble Local can provide at this time?”

- Yes Trimble has a digital academy primarily used by our student 7-12. (Edmentum) We can also provide google classroom experiences which will be our online virtual learning (K-6) which is similar to last spring when the COVID caused our district to go completely remote. This will also be an option for our 7-12 students as well. Contact your appropriate building administrator for guidance surrounding the best option for your child.

“Will my son or daughter be expected to wear a mask at school this coming fall?”

- Yes, based on CDC, Ohio Department of Health and the Athens county health department recommendation we are requiring all students K-12 to wear masks. This expectation will also extend while students are being transported on buses. Our employees will wear masks or PPE when appropriate for instruction to occur.

“Will my student's temperature be taken every day?”

- Yes, and if a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher they will need picked up from school. The student must be fever free for 24 hours to allow for school attendance moving forward.

“If I suspect my child has been exposed and has tested positive for COVID 19 who should I notify? “

- You should immediately contact your building administrator to allow for appropriate steps to be taken to identify anyone who could have been possibly exposed. This will also allow for the necessary steps to begin for alternative educational services to be arranged for your son or daughter.

“What if I have no internet, how can my son or daughter be successful if we go to some form of remote learning?”

- In some instances the district may be capable of supporting your internet needs. But we still can provide a paper option. The district moving forward will mail these assignment vs delivery using school transportation. Parents will be provided a self-addressed postage paid envelope for the return of these assignments.

“Last spring my child receive a “P” or“U” for a final grade what are our grading plans for the 2020-21 school year?”

- Trimble Local will use their adopted grading practices which are listed in our building handbooks and board policy. Last spring was an exception to our policy but moving forward a **traditional A-F will be used to evaluate your son or daughters progress.**