

June 29, 2020

Auburn Families,

I hope you are enjoying this summer. As you can imagine, we are working hard to get ready for the start of the school year.

As we plan to return in the fall, I wanted to update you on what we have been doing to prepare for the return. In a previous letter, I stated that we were waiting for direct guidance from the state. As we wait for that guidance, we are building a plan that works specifically for the Auburn Career Center. The plan will allow for modifications should the state require specific items to be addressed.

We have enlisted experts, asked their opinion, and are building a plan based on input and best practices to maintain the essential work of the Auburn Career Center.

In May, we established district committees to gather input and best practices from our staff, trade associations, and other districts to be sure we were exploring all options. The committees were formed to consider instructional delivery options, non-instruction school time, equity and services, health and safety, and communications. This includes a page on our website dedicated to COVID-19 and key communications that we will direct you to as we complete our plan.

We have enlisted a consulting firm that specializes in strategy and planning. This group also brings best practices from the state and national level to assist us in the development and procedures of our Return to School plan.

Recently the Superintendents of Lake and Geauga counties met with the Health Commissioners of those counties to collaborate, plan, and coordinate. It was a valuable exercise. It continues to allow us to learn from each other the best we can, as well as understand the unique needs of every school district.

As you know, most of our programs require hands-on training and we rely on the face-to-face model. We are building the best plan to meet that obligation. Our plan will be adaptable in order to prepare for any new guidance or changes that may come our way.

We know that additional expenses will happen as a result of this effort. We will continue to be fiscally responsible while maintaining a high standard for safety and essential program delivery.

As educators, we embrace new ideas and challenges both now and into the future. We will always strive to deliver the important work of offering the best instruction and experiences possible to our students.

We have targeted July 15th to complete our initial Return to School plan. Soon after, we will make the document available to you and begin to work towards implementing each step and any valuable feedback we receive along the way as we work towards the opening of school this fall.

Best wishes for a safe 4th of July.