

Dear ONE Troy,

We know that many of you are anxious to know what the upcoming school year will bring. Due to daily changes around the status and safety protocols of COVID-19, details are still being finalized, but we want to give you some critical information on what you can expect. One of the most important things you need to know is that you have a choice—you can decide what works best for your family.

First, we listened to your feedback on our [survey](#) and recognize that not every family's needs are the same. The Learning Plans we are building for your children allow for options and flexibility but will provide the same world-class education you expect from the TSD.

There are two comprehensive [full-time](#) Learning Plans for parents to choose from that will work in concert with one another, both offering significant live instruction, a set schedule, grades and assessments:

- TSD IN-PERSON LEARNING
- TSD AT-HOME LEARNING

In both Learning Plans, our exemplary TSD teachers will be teaching from the same curriculum, with aligned pacing, standards and outcomes for our students. Teachers and students will use one platform (Schoology) regardless of how or where instruction is being delivered and learning will be seamless, whether virtually or face to face. We will have new and improved technology for all of our students.

If we remain in Phase 4, In-Person Learning will follow the requirements outlined in the [Michigan Return to School Roadmap](#). An overview of some of the safety measures is included at the end of this email. Our intention is to make the in-school experience as close to typical as possible, but parents should understand that the health and safety of our students and staff will necessitate significant changes in some areas.

It's important to note that we are not asking you to make a decision about which Learning Plan you wish to elect at this time. We will continue to communicate as elements are finalized and tested and will share specifics of both of our Learning Plans by the beginning of August.

We know that you share with us the desire to protect our community and give our students as much normalcy as possible. Our commitment is to be transparent and to provide as much information as we can so that you can decide what works best for your family.



RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE

July 17, 2020

LEARN AT SCHOOL OR AT HOME

TSD TEACHERS LEAD THE WAY



Whether students choose to learn in-person or from home, they will be taught by TSD's World-Class teachers.



Students will learn the same material at the same time with the same expectations.

SAME CURRICULUM, PACING & OUTCOMES

SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE



TSD will follow the requirements in the [MI Return to School Roadmap](#), which includes physical spacing, face coverings and health & hygiene precautions.



Students won't miss a beat if conditions dictate a change in learning delivery method.

FLEXIBILITY TO CHANGE WITH CONDITIONS

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!
TSD WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION
FROM THE CLASSROOM TO YOUR HOME



Michigan Return to School Roadmap

If our region remains in Phase 4, it is our intention to return students to classroom routines that are as close to normal as possible, with added safety protocols. Specifically, we will focus on three main areas:

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Students, teachers and staff will utilize facial coverings as required by the Learning Plan.
- Students are encouraged to use their own homemade facial coverings (which must be washed daily) or can use a disposable mask supplied by the District.
- Case by case exceptions may be made for anyone who cannot medically tolerate a facial covering, is incapacitated, or is unable to remove the covering without assistance.

Health & Hygiene Measures:

- TSD will provide adequate soap, hand sanitizer stations, paper towels and other supplies to ensure healthy habits and prevent spread of disease.
- TSD will educate students, provide signage to reinforce proper hand washing techniques and set aside designated times in the day for students to wash their hands, especially before meals.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will be in place throughout the school day in every school.

Spacing, Movement & Access:

- Desks/tables/work stations will be spaced apart as far as possible and all will face the same direction. Teams are currently working on what classroom set-ups will look like in each building,
- Soft furniture and shared learning spaces that cannot be adequately disinfected throughout the day may be removed, but most classrooms will look very similar to a regular school year, with students spaced further from one another than is typical.
- Guests will not be allowed inside the school buildings.

Though we are still developing specifics, you should also be aware that during Phase 4:

- Recess, lunch and some learning activities will take place outside whenever possible.
- Assemblies or events that bring together more than one class of students are prohibited.
- Social distancing will not be possible for students using bus transportation; however, use of facial coverings and hand sanitizer will be required for all riders. Personal transportation will have to be arranged by any family uncomfortable with this protocol.
- We are actively developing protocols using the expertise of medical and health professionals to prevent community spread as much as possible, as well as respond to any positive tests in the safest—and smartest—manner. We will share those protocols and procedures with you prior to the start of the school year.