

## July 14 Board Meeting Synopsis

### 1. When does school start?

- a. School is scheduled to start in-person on August 4. **This date is tentative based on guidance from the state.**
- b. We will be in session all week (no two days off for Schweizerfest).
- c. Fall break may be utilized to make up days IF school is forced to close for a substantial amount of time. There will be no penalty for pre-planned vacations. This will be announced as soon as possible.

### 2. Are masks required?UPDATED 07.28.20

- a. **On buses, masks are REQUIRED.** *Failure to comply may result in removal from the bus.*
- b. **In the classroom-** REQUIRED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER if less than 6 feet away from others.
- c. **In hallways/common areas-** REQUIRED PER EXECUTIVE ORDER
- d. **At recess, gym, while active-** If social distancing, student discretion

### 3. What do I (a parent/guardian) need to do?

- a. Communicate with the school. **Update Harmony. We need to be able to reach you or an emergency contact at all times in the event your student becomes ill.**
- b. **Screen your student daily-** Students and employees shall be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the **symptoms of COVID-19 that is not otherwise explained.**
  - A fever of 100.4° F or greater
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Nausea
  - Diarrhea
  - Sinus issues (Runny nose, congestion, ect)
- c. Ill persons must stay home for a minimum of 72 hours before returning to school.
- d. Students and employees are encouraged to remain home if someone in the household has COVID-19 symptoms or is being tested for COVID-19.

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- e. **Do not send ill students to school.**
  - f. Practice Good Hygiene.
  - g. Have a plan. We may be forced to cancel suddenly. We may move to a reduced schedule. **Parents should have a plan for childcare in the event closure of school is necessary.**
  - h. Reduce school visits to only those necessary (attending meetings or picking up students). We will not be allowing lunch visitors or volunteers this school year.
4. I need more information on web based instruction.
- a. **WE DO OFFER ONLINE INSTRUCTION.**
  - b. The schools will be sending out a sign up form in the next few days.
  - c. Online can be done by choice or by students in quarantine. **PARENT DISCRETION.**
5. What about athletics and other ECA's?
- a. At this time: reduced, socially distanced practices.
  - b. Will we compete with others? Unknown at this time.
  - c. Will spectators be allowed? Unknown at this time.
  - d. **To participate in athletics or any other ECA, students must be ONSITE. Students registered for eLearning may not participate in ECA's.**
6. What is the school doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19?
- a. First, we understand that nothing we do can guarantee the virus will not make it into the schools. Parents must understand they are assuming the risk associated with student in-person attendance.
  - b. We are disinfecting buses before and after every route.
  - c. We have purchased misters that will reach all surfaces with a disinfectant rated to kill COVID.
  - d. Installing hospital grade Ionization Systems at both buildings to help neutralize the virus.
  - e. Lunches will be in classrooms at WTE. At the JSHS there will be assigned seats and three lunches instead of two.
  - f. 7th and 8th grade classrooms will be mostly self contained this year.
  - g. Encouraging social distancing.
  - h. Providing PPE to students and staff.
  - i. Reducing outsiders admitted to the buildings.
  - j. Updating attendance policies.
  - k. Spreading out students for recess, and disinfecting playground equipment.
  - l. Cooperating and communicating with the Department of Health.
  - m. Working with United Way to provide internet access for families in need.
  - n. Purchasing bottle fillers to reduce water fountain usage.

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- o. Adding bus routes to reduce high occupancy buses.
- p. Assigned seats, reducing the number of buses students are allowed to ride (must have a main bus, transfers are emergency only). **Parents are recommended to pick up students from OnTarget if they need multiple different bus routes throughout the week.**
- q. **Adding web based instruction** so quarantined students and students that are unable to attend in person can continue their education.