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CISD Family,

We have been working hard to develop a reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Below, I have outlined where things currently stand for our school district. Please understand that guidance from public health entities is continually being updated, so this plan will likely change before the first day of school. I wanted you to at least have a general picture of what to expect, though!

When will the school year start and end?

The Cloverport Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 school year calendar in March 2020. We see no need to alter that at this point in time. The first day of school for students will be Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The last day will be Thursday, May 20, 2021. That calendar is available on our district website. The school day will still be from 7:50 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Will my child be able to attend school every day?

We believe that we will be able to house every student every day in our building. Of course, enrollment numbers are always somewhat uncertain until the first actual day of school, but we are expecting between 300 and 310 total students (K-12) for the upcoming year. By utilizing as many available spaces in the school building as we can, we will be able to ensure a seat for all students in a space that maintains proper social distancing and is supervised by a school employee.

Classes will be conducted as normal and live streamed to those students who are not physically in the classroom with their teacher. Groups will be rotated on a schedule to ensure that all students receive equal time in the regular classroom with their teacher. We believe that, given the small class size, all kindergarten and 1st grade students will all be able to be in the regular classroom with their teachers.

As much as possible, teachers will travel to students rather than students switching between classrooms. This will minimize the potential spread of germs. When it is necessary for students to move between classrooms, a sanitation protocol will be followed.

Due to concerns with COVID-19, I do not feel comfortable sending my child to school.

What options are available to me?

Though we are confident in the precautions we are putting in place, we completely respect any apprehensions parents might have about sending their child to school each day with the continued pandemic. Given the instructional model we are implementing this school year (detailed above), students may participate in their class virtually utilizing their school issued iPad or Chromebook from home. They will be expected to sign on by 7:50 each morning and participate in all classes throughout the school day. Alternate assignments will not be given.

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What about my preschool student?

Guidance regarding preschool has been fairly limited. We are confident that we will be able to directly serve all four-year-old students and any qualifying three-year-old students. We will reach out to families of these students as soon as a specific plan is in place.

Will students be required to wear facemasks?

In general, when proper social distance (6 feet or more) cannot be maintained, per public health guidance, students in the first grade and up will be required to wear facemasks unless they have a medical waiver. This will be on the bus, when moving through the classroom or school building, etc. and will constitute a very small percentage of their time. Student desks will be placed 6 feet apart in the classroom, so masks will not be required when they are seated at their desk in the classroom. We will provide five cloth masks to each student (one for each day of the school week), which should be washed after wearing. Students are welcome to use their own masks as well. The same rules apply to staff members.

What additional health precautions will the school be taking?

In addition to increased cleaning and sanitation of the school building, frequent hand washing, etc., staff and students' temperatures will be taken each day before they enter the bus or school building. A protocol will be in place to immediately isolate staff or students presenting symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, we will be installing hand sanitizer stations in each room and four water bottle filling stations throughout the building (drinking fountains will be closed).

We are working with public health to develop much more detailed plans regarding contact tracing and further health precautions. That information will be forthcoming.

Who do I reach out to if I have further questions or want clarification on reopening?

Please reach out to Superintendent Keith Haynes via email at keith.haynes@cloverport.kyschools.us or at his office (270-788-3388) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Keith Haynes