



February 10, 2021

Dear Parents,

Last night the school district approved some important changes to the Return to Learn Plan. After surveying parents, students, and staff and based on the recommendations of the Allegan County Health Department and MDHHS, we are going to be returning to full time in-person instruction four days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday). These changes will take place at the beginning of the 3rd trimester, which is March 8, 2021. The Wednesday schedule will not change. On Wednesdays, students will continue to have Zoom classes 1st - 6th hours from 9 am to noon. Secondary school hours will also change. The school day will still begin at 7:40 am but it will end at 1:30 pm.

Student schedules will be adjusted to lower class sizes. This may mean that your child will have different teachers. We will make every effort to avoid this, but it may not be possible in every case. We appreciate your understanding as we make these changes. We will not be able to honor requests for changes to student schedules.

We will be following the MDHHS recommended social distancing guidelines to the best of our ability. The recommendation is a minimum of three feet between students. There may be certain situations that occur where we cannot guarantee the social distancing of at least 3 feet. Our band, choir, and physical education classes will have larger classes. To ensure safety we will follow all guidelines, equipment will not be shared, musician's masks and bell covers will be used. We will continue to use ozone water to disinfect high touch surfaces between classes. The use of online bathroom/hall passes will continue and students will not be permitted to use bathrooms during passing time. Due to numbers, all students will not be able to eat in the cafeteria. Students will be assigned one of three areas for lunch.

Students will continue to enter the building from three different entry points in the morning. Please avoid bringing your student to school before 7:30 am, if possible. This allows us to avoid crowding at the doorways. Students that eat breakfast at school, may do so starting at 7:15 am.

We have shared a survey through School Messenger regarding the selection of either face to face or virtual instruction. If you select virtual instruction, courses will be scheduled through Edmentum, Zoom classes are not a part of this program. If we do not hear from you, your child will be scheduled for face to face instruction.

We greatly appreciate all of your support and understanding throughout this school year. Please continue to self screen at home. Students that are not feeling well should stay home. Masks are required at all times while on school grounds. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns, either by phone at 269-685-5813 or email.

Sincerely,

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