

# Strasburg-Franklin Local Schools

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Dear Strasburg Franklin Local Families;

This letter is to inform you of our Reset and Restart plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Based on the current guidelines from Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Health and the local health department, we are now able to announce our tentative plan.

Strasburg Franklin Local Schools will be offering two formats for learning. We will return to school in a traditional format, with appropriate safety measures, five days a week. We strongly believe the traditional format is the best learning model for most students. Strasburg Franklin Local Schools will also offer a remote (online) learning option to families and students who are not able to, or choose not to return to the traditional format at this time. It is important to note the following:

- Strasburg Franklin Local Schools are committed to decreasing the likelihood of infection and keeping our community safe through additional hygiene, cleaning and safety procedures. Included in our plan are additional safety precautions that will be in place. Please understand that being in a school environment is a public place and a certain level of risk cannot be eliminated.
- The school district, in cooperation with the Tuscarawas County Health Department, could elect at any time, to return to remote learning if cases within the school or county begin to escalate to a severe risk level. The Hybrid Model in the plan is an example of an option we might need to use if we must have fewer kids in a classroom due to higher cases in the county.
- The district will commit to a daily cleaning schedule with protocols put into place. This includes buses, restrooms, classrooms, and cafeteria – all areas used throughout the school day.
- Parents will need to perform a health check every morning to ensure their child has an appropriate temperature (below 100 degrees F) and the child is feeling well and not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms before they get on a bus or are dropped off at school.
- Students should plan on attending school full days, with the following safety protocols and adjustments in place:
  - **Transportation** – Face coverings (masks) will be required for all students on buses
  - **Buildings** – All K-12 students will be required to wear face coverings (masks) while inside the building. Face covering breaks will be given during the day.
  - **Social Distancing** – All classrooms will plan to maximize the greatest possible social distancing.
  - **Cafeteria** – Lunch periods and seating will be altered to allow for spacing. Classrooms may need to be used in some cases. We strongly encourage parents to lessen the use of cash as much as possible. Food service will follow guidelines such as touchless serving lines, individual packaging of condiments, etc. and spacing in serving lines.
  - **Drinking fountains** will not be available for student use. Students may bring their own water bottles. We are investigating water bottle refill stations.

- **Arrival and dismissal procedures** may need to be refined to avoid congestion in any one area.
- **Recess** may be altered so playground areas are utilized safely and with fewer students at a time.
- **Transitions** (between classrooms, going to the restroom, etc.) may be scheduled to avoid congestion in the hallways.
- **Frequent handwashing** will be part of the daily routine. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in all areas.
- **No volunteers** will be utilized until further notice.
- **Parent pick up** of students will be altered to prevent parents from entering the building.
- **Protocols are** in place with the local health department for contact tracing, quarantine and return to school guidelines.
- Lastly, we will be sharing information on the following in the coming weeks:
  - Details about supply drop offs
  - FAQ sheet about the start of school

We are asking parents to complete a survey at the end of our plan to assist us in preparing for the new school year. This form needs to be completed by July 31, 2020.

If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's school administrator or office.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Cindy Brown  
Superintendent