August 10, 2020

Reentry follow up letter to Families - 8/10/20

Dear Families,

Today is Monday, August 10th and this may very well be the first Monday in over a month where the landscape of our September plans have not changed from the prior week. In fact, when I awoke I was planning on taking a “vacation hour” today, but then Optimum went out (again) and back to the office to continue the development of all aspects of reopening. While I cannot guarantee we will have additional Mondays with no changes, I will take what I can get believing that we have landed in the right spot for our community.

Last Thursday, we presented at the Board of Education meeting our design and plan for start of school this September. In this presentation, we expressed all the safety concerns and measures that are needed to be in place in order for our students and staff to return safely. The Board approved our plan to begin at what we are calling Phase 4 - the Limited Model where we begin the school year remote with a Remote Learning Center. In this model, we plan to phase in other groups for in-person learning as quickly as possible. This model allows for us to start safe, see that our safety protocols are sound and effective, and then build up to the hybrid model.

As of today, we are waiting to hear back from the State and County for final approval, but please know that we are diligently working behind the scene to plan for the Limited Mode and our phase in process. Please access the model outline document here that explains aspects of the Phase 4 plan. In addition, you can replay the Board meeting from Thursday where we explain the model and go into more detail regarding reentry.

As promised at the board meeting last week, we are offering parent forums this week to answer your questions. The dates and times are as follows:

- August 10th – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - Elementary School Parents
  Zoom Link - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_S94t1hB7T8m6pSKLbY_Giw

- August 11th – 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Middle School Parents
  Zoom Link - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mMsD3e1FT1i4s5AODHP60g

- August 12th – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. High School Parents
  Zoom Link - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3eZCaNFkR4inP_k7YCB_IQ

Specific to our Special Education:
- Special Education Parent Forum - Wednesday, August 19th 4:30-6:00 p.m.
  Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_STKJlf5qTw-arMOUwBNJig

Finally, it is still imperative to complete the forms in Genesis on the Hybrid Model and the Technology needs...this will help us for future planning.
Therefore, we ask that any parent who has not completed their child’s virtual learning decision form in the Genesis Parent Portal (ReEntry Parent Survey 2020) to please do so at this time.

As always, many thanks, be well and stay safe,

Scott
Superintendent of Schools.