

Western Reserve Local School District

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Dear Western Reserve Families,

I would first like to let all of you know that our commitment to health and safety drives everything that we do. As you review this plan, please remember that as we deal with new mandates on a regular basis, we will need to pivot and adjust aspects of our plan to meet those requirements.

After months of planning and preparation, we have determined that we will offer families the option to select a full day Traditional Face to Face learning model or a full day remote learning model called Blue Devil Online for our September opening. Our intention is to safely provide the best educational programming for our students and to meet the needs of our community.

In the attached presentation, a **Parent Choice Form** is linked and will be posted on the school website. Parents can choose the model that works best for their child - Traditional or Blue Devil Online. If you cannot complete the online form, please call the school to make your choice via the phone Monday through Friday between 8am-2pm after August 6th. To call for your elementary student call 330-547-4100 ext 23502, for your middle school or high school student call 330-547-4100 ext 23402.

In order to most effectively staff and logistically plan for intended reopening learning models, I respectfully ask each family to complete a form for each child no later than August 16, 2020.

If your family chooses the full day Traditional Model, there will be a number of health and safety precautions implemented. This includes the most recent mandate from Governor Dewine that all students K-12 wear a mask during the school day. If your family chooses the Blue Devil Online learning model, you will see improvements and added features based on the feedback received from parent surveys and teachers' self evaluation of online learning. The Blue Devil Online model allows for your child to stay enrolled in the district and maintain their seat in the school that he/she is currently assigned to.

In order to prepare for a safe and successful start to this school year we have developed a Restart Committee and Task Forces to establish best practices for ensuring a healthy and safe return to

school. This committee includes administrators, teachers, cafeteria staff, school nurse, parents, transportation staff, and facility maintenance staff.

Our Task Forces were broken down into six categories:

1. Health and Wellness
2. Social Distancing
3. Instructional
4. Transportation
5. Communication
6. Athletics

We have taken into consideration the basic guidance on school reopening issued by the state. We have also worked closely with our Mahoning County Health Commissioner, Ryan Tekac, The Mahoning County Educational Service Center, and numerous local school districts. This has resulted in the implementation of safeguards that will help us reopen school buildings responsibly.

We recognize that communication will be critical and will maintain an effective communication process to make the restart of school a success. No matter what developments occur in the coming weeks and months in regards to the COVID-19 situation our mission is to provide the same high level of instruction and education that has made Western Reserve one of the best school systems in the area. In the next few days we will create a **Frequently Asked Questions** section on our website. If you have a question that has not been answered in our released plan, visit the FAQ section and ask your question. We will then answer questions as we receive them.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your patience and support through these challenging times and processes.

Sincerely,

Dallas Saunders
Superintendent
Western Reserve Local Schools

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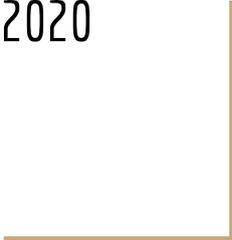
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RESTART PLAN - FALL 2020



MESSAGE FROM MR. SAUNDERS

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Go Devils!

- As needed, we will continue to share information and more specific details about the school day, such as lunch, recess and extra curricular activities, over the next few weeks.
- Our Restart Committee will continue to work on building and implementing the Back to School Western Reserve program in comprehensive detail to create the safest and most engaging learning environment for all students.
- Your continued ongoing partnership and shared responsibility will be critical as we move into this new school year.
- There will be undoubtedly some challenges along the way, but everyone in the Western Reserve School community will do whatever it takes to put our students first.

CONTINUAL COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

FAMILIES HAVE TWO OPTIONS

EDUCATIONAL MODELS

IN-SCHOOL LEARNING

TRADITIONAL LEARNING

OR

VIRTUAL LEARNING

BLUE DEVIL ONLINE

- All Western Reserve students will follow the same daily class period schedule regardless of whether they are in school or at home.
- Teachers will facilitate lessons and learning with students in the classroom and via Google Meet with their students participating virtually.
- Although we have worked to keep the core of daily learning as close to what it was prior to COVID-19, adjustments to the content and instructional day will be necessary to facilitate regular cleaning.

**STUDENTS WILL
HAVE A
STRUCTURED DAY
WITH BOTH THE
TRADITIONAL AND
ONLINE OPTION**

BLUE DEVIL ONLINE

VIRTUAL LEARNING

- You may choose online schooling for your child.
- Your child will attend school five days a week, but they will attend from home.
- **“Blue Devil Online” it is a commitment of one semester which is two nine week grading periods.**
- Your child will be expected to be online during the regularly scheduled school day.
- They will have daily interaction with their Western Reserve teachers.
- “Blue Devil Online” will meet the Ohio Learning Standards, but may not be at the same pace as delivered in the classroom.
- **Parents will need to partner with their child’s teachers to support the at-home learning.**

TRADITIONAL LEARNING

IN-PERSON LEARNING

- Your child will attend in person school five days a week.
- Instruction will take place in the physical classroom with a Western Reserve teacher.
- Safety is extremely important, so multiple layers of protection have been implemented to minimize risks of virus transmission.
- Temperature Checks, Social Distancing, Physical Barriers, Handwashing and Wearing Masks/Face Shields will be used to protect your child.
- With any necessary modification for safety, students will participate in all daily activities at school, including specials and electives.
- Possible Traditional Learning Scenarios - Face to Face Learning, Hybrid Learning, Remote Learning. Traditional Learning Mode is subject to change at anytime if necessary.
- School Day Times:

HS School Day - 7:45-2:05
MS School Day - 7:45-2:05
ES School Day - 8:20-2:45

WHEN WILL TRADITIONAL LEARNING CHANGE ITS LOOK?

- County Directed Level will help to guide us on how Traditional Learning will take place.
- If teacher and staff with COVID-19 absenteeism outpaces available substitutes, school may shift to Remote Instruction.
- A student may elect to participate in Virtual Learning when the school is at any Risk Level, but must remain in Virtual Learning for one semester or two nine weeks.

WR Instructional Model	<i>COUNTY DIRECTED LEVEL</i>			
County Level	Level I Low Level	Level II Moderate Level	Level III High Level	Level IV Public Emergency
Instruction Model	Traditional: Face to Face	Traditional: Face to Face	<p>Will Likely Transition To: Hybrid: 50% attend, or Remote Instruction: 0% attend</p> <p>*This decision will be made in conjunction with the Department of Health *Face masks will be mandatory</p>	Remote Instruction

PLAN IF TRADITIONAL LEARNING GOES TO HYBRID

- 50% of the students attend school on alternating days.
- Potentially takes place when Mahoning County is a Risk Level 3.
- Teachers will report to work and teach from their classroom, if allowed by state and local guidance.

MONDAY	RED Group is At School	LAST NAMES A-K
TUESDAY	BLUE Group is At School	LAST NAMES L-Z
WEDNESDAY	WHITE Everyone is ONLINE	ONLINE INSTRUCTION FOR DEEP CLEANING
THURSDAY	RED Group is At School	LAST NAMES A-K
FRIDAY	BLUE Group is At School	LAST NAMES L-Z

* Students within the same household will attend school on the same day even if their name are different.

PLAN IF TRADITIONAL LEARNING GOES TO REMOTE

- Students will have daily interaction with their Western Reserve teachers through Google Classroom.
- Meals will be available for grab and go.
- No large group student events will be permitted.
- Special Education services may be adjusted.
- Attendance will be taken daily during Google Meet sessions.
- Students will receive live instruction following their daily school schedule.
- **Parents will need to partner with their child's teachers to support the at-home learning.**

TRANSPORTATION

BUS RIDERS

BUS SAFETY

- On the bus, masks are required.
- We will provide a mask, if needed.
- Bus drivers will wear a mask or shield while driving.
- Drivers will follow cleaning protocols at the end of each trip.
- Bus riders seat assignments will comply with the requirements of the state & local health officials.



CAR RIDERS

ADULT/ HS STUDENT

- Students will not be allowed into the building until their assigned time.
- They will be asked to enter the building through an assigned door.



*** If at all possible, it is highly recommended for parents/guardians to transport their child to school.**

MASKS

- Western Reserve Local Schools will follow ALL state & local mask mandate policies.
- As of August 4, 2020, all students will be required to wear masks according to Governor DeWine's mandate.
- So this is our policy, unless the Governor's mandate is lifted.



MASKS

****If the Governor's mandate is lifted, this will be our mask policy.****

STUDENTS

REQUIRED TO WEAR

- While riding the bus .
- While entering & exiting the building.
- While transitioning in the hallways.
- While moving frequently in the classroom.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

- To be worn while inside buildings at all times.

STAFF/ VOLUNTEERS

REQUIRED TO WEAR

- A mask while in the building.

NOT REQUIRED

- If the staff member is alone.



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SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHERE WILL WE SOCIALLY DISTANCE?

3-6 FEET APART

- Hallways
- Classrooms
- Restrooms
- Cafeteria
- Playground
- During Drop Off & Pick Up
- School Buses

IF DIFFICULT

- A barrier will be provided



STAGGERED START TO BEGIN THE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10TH, & 11TH

- The Western Reserve School District will begin the year with a “Staggered Start” on our first three days of school.
- This will allow teachers to work with a smaller group of students to better teach and supervise safety protocols.
- Then the regular, five-day schedule will begin on Monday, September 14th.
- For a complete schedule follow this link [Staggered Start Schedule](#)

NEXT STEP

PARENT'S CHOICE... WHERE CAN I MAKE MY CHOICE?

OPTION #1

Simply **click the link below** to complete your child's form before midnight on Sunday, August 16th. Please submit one form per child.

[PARENT'S CHOICE FORM](#)

OPTION #2

Visit the **school website** and locate the Parent Choice Form then submit from the website before midnight on Sunday, August 16th. Please submit one form per child.

OPTION #3

If you cannot complete the form online, please **call the school** to make your choice via phone Monday through Friday between 8am-2pm before Friday, August 14th.

Elementary School	330-547-4100 ext. 23502
Middle/High School	330-547-4100 ext. 23402

***During the week of August 24th the district will mailout a notice to each family confirming your choice.**