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East Guernsey Local Schools will provide learning options for the 2020-2021 school year.

East Guernsey Community:

I am excited to announce that East Guernsey Local Schools will return to school on September 8, 2020. The district is preparing to safely and responsibly deliver high-quality education to students during the 2020-2021 school year. The district continues to monitor the information provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Governor DeWine, local health officials, and the Ohio Department of Education.

We are committed to ensuring the highest level of health and safety for our students, their families, and our staff. The reopening plans for East Guernsey Local Schools will align with the state's COVID-19 guidance. Any changes to our plans will be in conjunction with the risk assessment guidelines. Throughout the year, we will be in communication with the Ohio Department of Health and the Guernsey County Health Department to review risk levels to maintain the highest levels of health and safety and to determine if alterations to our plan need to be made.

We will return to school utilizing a hybrid learning model. 20% of the school year will be remote learning with 80% of the school year being face to face instruction. The majority of the 20% remote learning days will be Mondays. The district will release a revised school calendar as soon as it is completed.

The district will also provide a 100% remote learning option to any student that prefers to learn from home due to complications caused by COVID-19. This full-time option will run independently of the district's hybrid learning plan. Therefore, students must commit to the 100% remote learning for nine weeks at a time. As in previous years, there will be specific guidelines and requirements to participate in this learning option. Those and other additional details will be announced in the coming weeks.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the district will provide all classroom supplies. Students will not be permitted to bring general classroom consumable materials. The individual teachers will

provide a list of recommended supplies that will be needed at home during the 20% remote learning time.

The district is going to great lengths to implement enhanced safety protocols for the 2020-2021 school year. These include:

Social Distancing:

Every effort will be made to ensure students and staff maintain safe distances from one another in all school environments, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeterias, playgrounds and on the bus. Staff will organize furniture and students in classrooms with the goal being 50% occupancy; however, this may not always be attainable depending on the class and grade level.

Face Coverings:

Per Ohio Governor DeWine, all staff is required to wear facial coverings while on school property. We will continue to monitor the Governor's orders and how it pertains to students in the coming weeks. Additional guidance will be provided prior to September 8, 2020.

Transportation:

All students (PreK-12) and staff must wear face coverings while on the bus. Buses will be loaded from back to front to allow for reduced contact between students. Sanitizer will be available on each bus. Touchpoints will be sanitized between routes and each bus will be thoroughly sanitized after the morning run and the afternoon run.

Cafeteria:

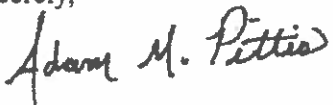
If necessary, each school will designate a separate area during lunchtime. Students may eat in their classrooms in order to ensure social distancing is available while students eat and drink. Cafeterias will utilize a "grab and go" approach when applicable.

Cleaning Procedures:

The district's custodial schedule will be redesigned to enhance daily cleanings and sanitizations across all buildings. Sanitizer will be available at entrances to classrooms and in high-traffic areas. Increased opportunities for handwashing will be provided throughout the day.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we plan to reopen school this year.

Sincerely,



Adam M. Pittis, Superintendent