

York Central School

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Dear families,

I hope you and your family are safe and healthy, and are continuing to enjoy the summer season. As we near the end of July, and school districts in our area begin to announce their reopening plans, I want to provide a brief update on where we stand with our reopening plan. The Reopening Advisory Committee has now met a couple times and continue to plan for the reopening in the fall. This committee is comprised of students, parents, staff, Board of Education and administration in order to bring a full perspective to the process. Our priorities are the health and safety of students and staff, along with creating a quality educational experience for all students. We are using the surveys from the community to give voice to your concerns while still meeting all guidelines by the NYS Dept of Health and NYS Education Dept.

Here are what we know at this point:

Transportation – Busses will be limited to 11 students on a bus. All students and drivers must wear a mask and be socially distanced. Students from the same household may sit together. With this restriction, we will need to add additional start times for staff and students.

Screening - All students, staff and visitors will need to be screened prior to entering the building. No adult that has a temperature of 100.0 F or higher will be allowed in the building. Students with 100.0 F or higher will go to the Nurse's Office.

Meals – All meals will be eaten in classrooms. Breakfast will still be available as students enter the building and lunches will be delivered to classrooms. There will still be choices, but they may be limited this year.

Classrooms – In following the guidelines set forth, all desks will be socially distanced, limiting the number of students in a single classroom to around 12 students. While at their desks, students will be able to take off their masks for instruction as long as they remain socially distanced.

Instructional Models – Districts are required to build instructional models that include:

In-person instruction (our traditional model) where all teaching and learning happens in person

Hybrid model that combines time in the classroom and remote instruction

Remote learning where all instruction and learning occurs online

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We know that with the restrictions and limitations placed on transportation and classrooms, that we cannot bring all students, PreK – 12, in five days a week. So we, as a committee, have been exploring what a hybrid might look like for YCS.

By the end of this week, we will have a draft of what that schedule might look like. We will need your help and input in order to determine if that plan will work. The balance between transportation and class sizes is critical and we all need to work together to make sure that we are able to provide the best experience and opportunities for all of our students.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this process. At times it may appear that the progress is slow, but there are many questions that need to be answered in order to keep all of our students and staff safe. Information about the Reopening Advisory Committee and reopening guidelines may be found on our website www.yorkcsd.org.

Sincerely,

David Furletti

Superintendent of Schools