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Dear Western Reserve Families,

As we approach the upcoming school year I would like to let all of you know that our commitment to health and safety drives everything that we do.

Following the recent guidelines provided by Governor DeWine we have been continually working on our plan to restart the school year. Our intention currently is to return to full in-person instruction with safety requirements this fall. Accompanying this letter is a document that outlines some basic information about our plan. This document includes multiple aspects of plans and steps taken to provide the safest environment possible for our students and staff at Western Reserve.

We have provided information regarding transportation, social distancing, mask policy, our prevention steps taken, as well as an option for parents to choose online instruction or face to face at the start of the year.

This document is by no means the exhaustive plan that we will provide in the near future, but is meant to update parents with general information until the comprehensive plan is made available. It is our intention to disseminate the comprehensive plan in the next two weeks so families can make an informed decision and plan for the start of the school year according to their needs. Each child and family has different needs and circumstances therefore we are planning to address concerns regarding all aspects of our students' education.

We acknowledge that there are likely to be more questions and we will continue to communicate with you in the coming days and weeks. Rest assured that no stone will be left unturned and we will address every aspect to return to school safely. **Once the plan is provided we will ask parents to complete a form officially letting the school know if they intend to send their child back to school face to face or through our online option.**

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

Sincerely,
Dallas Saunders



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RESTART PLAN - FALL 2020



MESSAGE FROM MR. SAUNDERS

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FAMILIES HAVE TWO OPTIONS

EDUCATIONAL MODELS

IN-SCHOOL LEARNING

TRADITIONAL LEARNING

OR

VIRTUAL LEARNING

BLUE DEVIL ONLINE

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

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.**

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

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.



* Western Reserve Local Schools will follow ALL state & local mask mandate policies.

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



PREVENTION

PREVENTING THE SPREAD?

SAFETY FIRST

- Not Sharing Materials
- Daily Temperature Checks
- Hand Sanitizing Stations throughout the Building & in Classrooms
- Handwashing
- Avoiding the Drinking Fountains
- Wearing Masks/ Face Shields
- Cleaning Daily/ Hourly
- Social Distancing

