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School District of Mellen COVID-19 Response Plan

August 11, 2021

Developing our Response Plan

WHO: Administration, Staff Leadership Team,
School Board Members

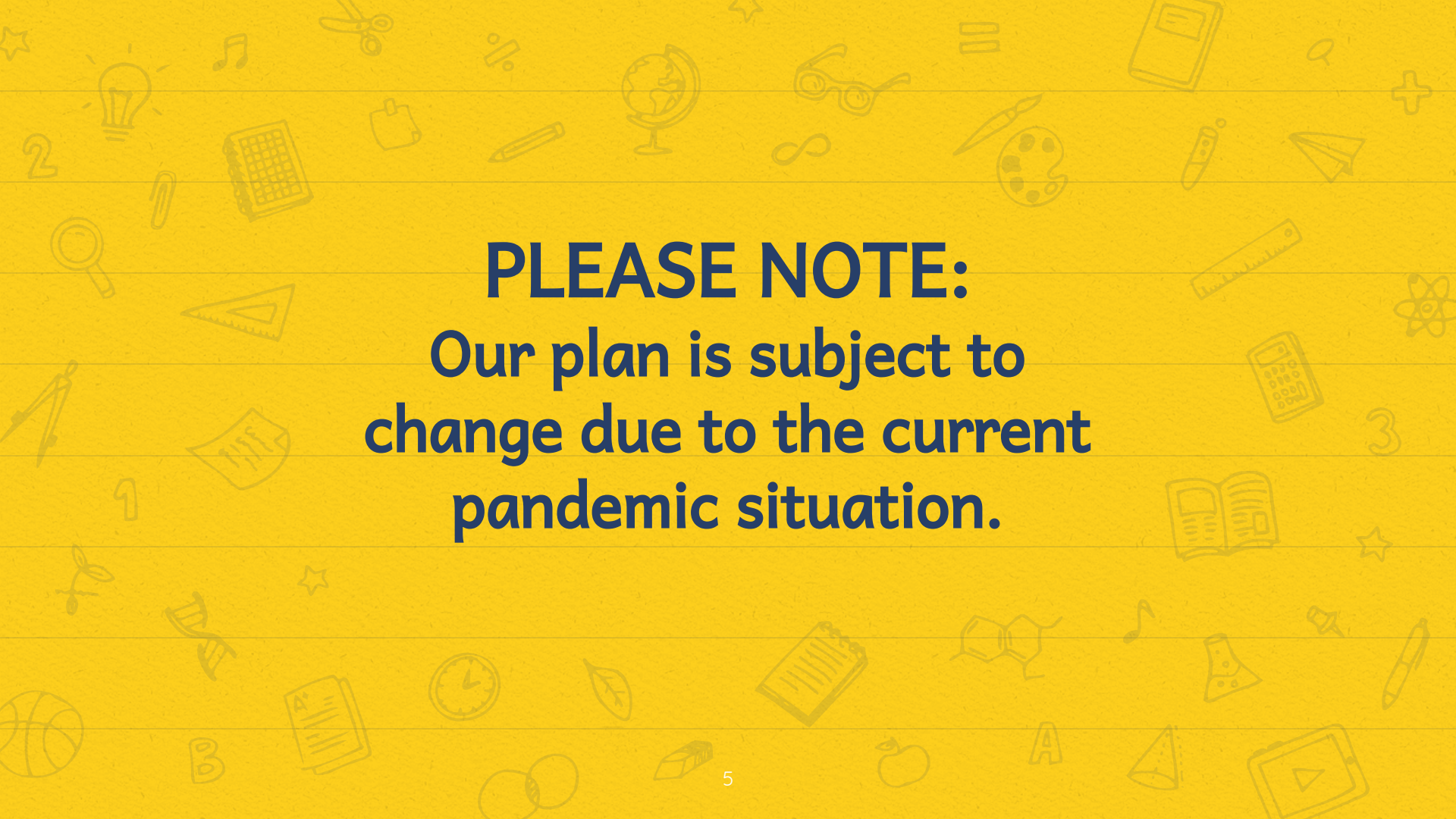
WHEN: Started in June and continues to reviewed
and revised daily



GOALS

- Keeping students and staff physically safe.
- Attending to, and caring for, the social-emotional and mental health needs of students and staff.
- Keeping learning coherent, focused on the highest priorities for each grade level, and moving forward, whether learning is occurring in-person, remotely, or blended.
- Meeting the needs of every student, whether in-person and/or remote learning contexts.
- Aligning teaching roles, responsibilities, and structures to the new reality of teaching and learning.
- Designing schedules that flexibly accommodate this new reality, including new protocols for being together in school buildings and structures for continuing learning when it is happening remotely.





PLEASE NOTE:
Our plan is subject to
change due to the current
pandemic situation.

Mitigating Risks for Students and Staff

- Enhancing cleaning and sanitizing
- Staggering arrivals and departures
- Assigned doors for different grade levels
- Assigned bathrooms
- Increased movement
- Maintaining elementary cohort groups
- Optional face coverings
- Daily self-screening for wellness and temperature checks
- Isolation room for students displaying COVID-19 symptoms while at school



JUMP START TO SCHOOL

- ✘ To make sure your child is ready for the next grade level!
- ✘ August 24-27 8:30 am - 3 pm
- ✘ All grade levels served
- ✘ Lunch and District transportation provided

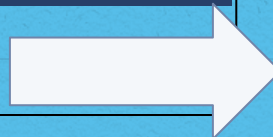


Learning Options

Onsite Learning

Follow regular school calendar and daily schedule in the building

In the event of a Temporary School Closure



Remote Learning

Engage with District curriculum materials while at home



ONSITE LEARNING

- Lower Elementary Student Day 2021-22
- Upper Elementary Student Day 2021-22
- Middle School Student Day 2021-22
- High School Student Day 2021-22



REMOTE LEARNING

- In the event of a **temporary school closure**, remote learning will commence.
- Students will engage with the District curriculum and will be supported by District teachers.
- Curriculum materials are provided by the District for students to access independently.
- Teachers will offer office hours during the regular school day to provide support for students.
- Assignments will have due dates and traditional grading will occur.
- Student materials and assignments will need to be picked up from and returned to the school in a timely manner.
- Students can still participate in District sponsored extracurricular activities and athletics.



Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year

- PreK Program
- Before and After School Programs
- After School Tutoring Program
- Lockers for MS and HS students
- Face coverings optional
- Limited Nonessential visitors in the building
- District transportation within 2 miles of school
- Optional onsite testing
- Optional onsite vaccination



Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year

What is happening?

Elementary

- Extra teachers to support smaller classes
- Breakfast in the classrooms
- Lunch in the cafeteria
- Students will go to Music and Art classrooms



Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year

What is happening?

Middle School

- Students will move from class to class
- Grade levels will be split to create smaller cohorts.
- Students will go to Art and Music classrooms
- Lockers for 6th and 7th grade on 2nd floor
- Lockers for 8th grade on 3rd floor
- No backpacks during the school day
- No cell phones except for lunch time

Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year

What is happening?

High School

- Seniors will be allowed to only take classes needed to meet Mellen graduation requirements if desired.
- Larger classes will be split into two rooms.
- Lockers will be assigned
- No backpacks during the school day
- No cell phones except for lunch time
- Students will not be allowed to bring their own device

Athletics

- Fall sports will begin as regularly scheduled
- Face coverings optional
- Locker rooms will be open unless local COVID-19 cases reach the high risk level
- Spectators with social distancing



Special Education

The School District of Mellen's Special Education Department will continue to provide educational services for students with disabilities by meeting their unique needs to the greatest extent possible. We will continue to align our educational services with state and local officials, along with our district guidelines. Special education staff will communicate with families and reconvene IEP teams when necessary. Access to education may need to be reconfigured to meet physical distancing guidelines while meeting individual needs. Caseloads may also be redesigned to provide access to individual learning to achieve the IEP goals.



Operations

Transportation

- Self-screening wellness checks
- Load back to front
- Unload front to back
- Sit in family groups
- Assigned seats
- Face coverings are required

Food Service

- Free breakfast and lunch for ALL
- Elementary will eat breakfast in the classroom
- MS/HS Grab 'n Go Breakfast
- PreK-12 will eat lunch in the cafeteria with social distancing

Custodial & Maintenance

- Touchless faucets and towel dispensers
- Extra person for ongoing cleaning and sanitizing of common surfaces

FACE COVERINGS

- ✘ Face Coverings will be optional for staff and students
- ✘ Multi-symptomatic students that are well enough to attend school will be required to wear a face covering temporarily
- ✘ In the event the local COVID-19 case levels reach the high risk level face coverings may be required



FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/families must NOT send children to school if they have a are displaying two or more tier one COVID-19 symptoms. Families should make plans for daily morning monitoring. Students will be sent home if they arrive with more than two tier one symptoms or develop symptoms during the day.



DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Parents/families will be notified if their student has symptoms of COVID-19 and needs to be picked up. Parents/families will also be notified if their child was exposed to a student or staff member that tested positive for COVID-19. Guidance from Ashland County Public Health will be used to determine the next steps regarding quarantine and specific expectations.

Please provide the District with current phone numbers and email addresses to ensure accuracy for with school-related notifications.



SUPPLY LISTS

Posted on our website and on our
District Facebook page

Important Dates!

- ★ August 24-27 Jump Start to School
 - ★ August 25: Open House
- ★ September 1: First Day of School
- ★ September 6: Labor Day - No School
- ★ September 22 - Early Release
- ★ October 20 - Early Release

Questions?



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