

Dear Parents,

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We want to give you an update on things to come this Fall and clarify any questions that you may have and have been brought to our attention. We will not have a plan in place until we get more information from the state and DPI after June 30, 2020. We do have several different plans we are trying to plan at this time in order to be ready when the time comes. We will go with the plan that best meets the needs of our district. We are working with ten other area school districts to try and have the same plan in place for this Fall.

The CDC has published guidelines for what school may look like in the Fall. While some people may think that they are just guidelines, and we don't have to follow them it doesn't really work that way. We have liability issues to worry about and will be in contact with our insurance companies and lawyers to have the best plan in place for our students this Fall. In many cases we really do not have a choice.

When students return, we will have to take temperatures as people enter the building. Visitors and parents will not be allowed in the building unless there is an emergency. We will have a separate Health Room to assist with students showing signs of COVID-19. Students may be required to wear masks part of their day or the whole day. Lunches may be served in classrooms. Students may or may not have recess depending on the guidelines we are given. Students will stay in the same room most of the day when possible.

Bussing guidelines stipulate we may be able to only put one child in a seat and sit the students every other seat. Students will not be allowed on busses that do not go directly to their own home. For example, a parent cannot call the school at noon and say my child needs to ride the bus home with another student. Our schedules will be very tight, and the buses will be as well. It may be suggested that anyone who can drive their child to school do so until the threat of COVID-19 no longer exists.

Students will most likely have several options for instruction. They can come to school, they can keep doing the virtual classroom at home, or they may have a combination of in school and virtual school. We may need to keep desks six feet apart for social distancing purposes. In this case only so many desks fit in each room. Some grades may be able to fit all their students in the classroom and therefore every student can come everyday if that is the option they take. For larger classrooms we may have to have half the students one day and go every other day or week. While students are on their off day they would be learning virtual with the teacher from the classroom. No

matter which option you pick the student will most likely need to be present most of the school day with some exceptions. None of this is ideal for anyone, and we want to make sure we can have students at school learning as much as we can in a safe environment. We also realize there may be daycare issues and that is why we need to prepare you for having backup plans with your children. If someone gets COVID-19, we may have to shut down for a few days to clean everything before we are allowed to come back to school. Teachers may also be wearing shields instead of masks so that students can see their face, see their expressions, and read their lips if need be.

We do not have any word yet on Fall Sports. We may have some opportunities for weightlifting and basketball shooting in the gym in the month of July. Those decisions are still being made. Please check the website for any updates. We will always post information and updates on the website.

There will be no swim lessons or hunter's safety this year. Driver's Education is happening in July. Please contact Mr. Kerg if you need to sign up.

None of these items are set in stone yet and anything can change before we return to school. The Plum City School District intends to have students in the building this Fall if at all possible. We plan to do another survey to parents once we know the details for coming back to school. I am free to answer any questions you may have. Please contact me at 715-647-2591 and I will try to answer any questions you have the best I can.

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