Mohawk Local School District
Plan for Openings Schools

PREFACE:

All Ohio schools closed for the remainder of the school calendar beginning on March 17, 2020 by order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The future of PK-12 education in Ohio remains unclear as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. Continuing to keep children physically out of school could have long-term academic, social and emotional consequences. Simply put, the benefits associated with reopening school buildings outweigh the risks of a continued school closure. Mohawk Local School District is committed to returning to face-to-face instruction for the 2020-2021 school year with enhanced safety protocols in place. Mohawk will respond according to the status of Wyandot County's colored levels in Ohio's Public Health Advisory Alert System as we move throughout the school year. Schools will decrease the likelihood of infection with enhanced hygiene, cleaning, and safety protocols; but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated. Any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. District leadership, along with representatives from other area schools, North Central Ohio Educational Service Center and Vangard-Sentinel Career and Technical Center, have worked to identify common practices for the reopening of school facilities.

2020-2021 Educational Options

Option 1 – In-person Instruction Five-days of Week
Students will have the option to attend tradiational school, while adhering to additional safety and health protocols.
(This plan may implement remote learning if the district is caused to close due to illness)
Option 2 – Remote Learning
Student will attend school in a digital format and will only enter the school building with approval from building leadership.
If a student chooses this option, the placement will run for entirety of the semester.
(Students at home daily receiving instruction online with support)

The Mohawk Local School District will adhere to the following general principals when re-opening schools.

1. The District will implement recommended safety protocols and follow guidelines issued by the Wyandot County Department of Health to the highest degree possible.
2. The District will work closely with the Wyandot County Department of Health to promote safety in each school building.
3. The District will be transparent with all families and stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities.
4. The District recognizes the need for consistency in operations with other Districts in the tri-county area while recognizing that some inconsistencies may exist.
5. The District is planning to maintain the 2020-2021 school calendar previously approved.
6. School districts recognize the need for consistency in all areas of operations while acknowledging that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies. As a general rule of thumb, each district commits to adhere to the 4 main safety protocols listed below and do their best to transfer these principles to all school environments.
   - ➢ Social Distancing
   - ➢ Cleaning
   - ➢ Hygiene
   - ➢ Personal Protective Equipment

Parents/Famlies/Caregivers

In-person Instruction
(This plan may implement remote learning if the district is caused to close due to illness)

- Conduct a student wellness check including temperature prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F should stay home.
- Provide a mask or face shield for your student to wear when needed during instruction, transitions to classes, in all common spaces, and when being transported on school transportation where other students are present and social distancing is difficult.
- Limit visits to school as much as possible.
- Conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building and do not come if you are running a fever higher than 100 or showing other symptoms.
- Follow posted guidelines and read all signage whenever entering the building.
- Wearing a mask or face shield is highly recommended when entering the building.
- Update all contact information for school staff. If your child is sick or running a fever, he/she will be sent home. Please be sure you have multiple family-members and/or family-friends prepared to pick-up your child from school.
- Notify the school of your preference to attend meetings in person, via phone, or using a virtual platform.

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- Monitor student progress on coursework.
- Developing a "school schedule" is recommended to keep routines in place for students while working from home.
- Communicate questions and concerns immediately to staff.

Option 2 – Remote Learning
(Students at home daily receiving instruction online with support)

- Monitor student progress on coursework.
- Developing a "school schedule" is recommended to keep routines in place for students while working from home.
- Communicate questions and concerns immediately to staff.
- Monitor and support student progress through an online curriculum with parent/caregiver access to the online platform and progress information.

Students

In-person Instruction
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Transportation
- Wearing a mask or face shield while riding the bus will be <u>required</u>.
- Maintain appropriate physical distances while at the bus stop, on bus lots, and while entering the building.
- Sit two per seat on the bus and sit in your assigned seat. Students residing in the same household will be seated together.
- Remain seated, facing forward while riding the bus.

School Day
- Wearing a mask or face shield is highly recommended when entering and exiting the school building and while moving throughout the building and common spaces (hallways, cafeteria, restrooms, office) when social distancing is difficult. Students should wear when entering, exiting, or moving around the classroom. Students in grades 3-12 are encouraged to wear a mask for the entire school day.
- Wearing a mask or face shield is required when working directly with staff (i.e.- one-on-one, small group instruction, etc.) when distancing cannot be maintained. A student who does not wear a mask may not have access to group activities.
- Enter and exit the building through assigned/designated doors.
- Carry a water bottle as water fountains will not be available for use.
- Follow all signage in the hallways and common areas.
- When possible, stay to the right when traveling down hallways and using stairs.
- Limit access to lockers by carrying multiple class materials at a time and report directly to class between classes.
- Conduct a personal health screening prior to coming to a school building and do not come if you are running a fever higher than 100 or showing other symptoms.
- Wearing a mask or face shield is <u>required</u> if a student is determined to have a fever or other symptoms.
- Sit in designated seats in the cafeteria and other common areas.

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- Following a regular "school schedule" is recommended to help keep routines in place for students while working from home.
- Communicate questions and concerns immediately to teachers.
- Participate in virtual sessions with teachers as scheduled.
- Watch lessons provided by teachers and complete assignments according to timelines.

Option 2 – Remote Learning
(Students at home daily receiving instruction online with support)

- This option is different from what students experienced during remote learning last spring.
- Students participating in this option will be using an online curriculum and platform designed by an outside company that specializes in virtual learning.
- Students will not come to a school building for instruction and will not be in the same classes or have the same teachers as students participating in Option 1
- It is recommended students follow a schedule to complete online learning, assignments, and assessments.
- The online curriculum will meet the same standards set by the state of Ohio, but it will not necessarily match the same pacing or activities that are delivered in school buildings.
- Students will have access to courses in all core areas (English language arts, mathematics, sciences, and social studies)
- Students will also have limited access to special area courses (K-6) and elective courses (7-12), Students in grades 7-12 will not have access to their full schedule as planned this past spring.
- Communicate questions and concerns immediately to teachers.
- Students and teachers will participate in virtual check-in meetings designed to support student course progress and provide opportunities for students to connect with each other.
- Students will earn grades for their work.
- If state or local regulations require a school closure, students participating in this option will continue as scheduled, and will continue to use the online curriculum and platform.
- Students may continue to participate in after-school activities at their school building, including extra-curricular activities.

Teachers/Staff Members

In-person Instruction
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Transportation
- Wearing a face covering is required while students are entering and exiting the bus.
- No students in the seat behind the driver.
- Students will sit in assigned seats.
- Provide reminders to students of bus expectations- 2 per seat, wearing masks or face shields (recommended), seated facing forward. Students residing in the same household will be seated together.
- Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report repeated expectation violators to the office.
- Ensure the bus is disinfected following outlined safety protocols.

School Day
- Ensure classroom setup of desks provides physical distancing for students.
- Wear a mask or face shield is required in the classroom, working one on one with students, or when circulating around the room and proper physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Ensure students maintain physical distance whenever possible.
- Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report repeated expectation violators to the office.
- Eliminate shared classroom materials.
- Keep the classroom door open to maximize airflow and reduce the number of touches to door handles.
- Use supplies provided to spray desks, chairs, and any common materials needed before new students' transition into the room.
- Remove all materials and supplies that are not needed for instruction.
- When appropriate, teachers will switch classrooms while students will remain in place.
- Supervise hallways and common areas to ensure students are reporting immediately to class and not congregating in hallways or common areas and following safety protocols.
- Supervise implementation of locker use schedule to minimize congestion in hallways for buildings who issue lockers.
- When possible, attend meetings from the classroom using video technology.
- Assist in supervision of restrooms, hallways, and common areas between classes.
- Assist in supervision of playgrounds during recess to maintain safety protocols. Plan structured recess activities when possible.

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- Create lessons that are engaging for students using a variety of strategies.
- Be available for office hours, one session will be available in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- Use Google Classroom as the platform for all assignments, links to resources, etc.
- Grade work in a timely manner and provide feedback to students on assignments.

Option 2 – Remote Learning
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- Teachers will support students by assisting with use of the online platform, pacing, and providing feedback on assignments and assessments.
- Students and teachers will participate in virtual check-in meetings designed to support student course progress and provide opportunities for students to connect with each other.
- Teachers will be available for support during office hours, Sessions will be available each morning and afternoon.
- Teachers will grade work in a timely manner.

Administration/Supervisors

In-person Instruction
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Transportation
- Reduce the number of transfers and overall time on buses for students.
- Monitor drop off and dismissal to ensure students do not congregate in groups.
- Provide consequences, including loss of privilege to ride the bus to those who violate rules.
- Ensure the buses are cleaned and disinfected after each trip.

School Day
- Ensure classrooms and cafeteria are arranged to create the maximum physically distancing possible for the space/room.
- Ensure classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria, and common areas are disinfected during the school day and after school.
- Ensure supplies are readily available for custodians and teaching staff.
- Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and issue consequences to repeated expectation violators.
- Develop and implement locker use schedules for buildings where lockers are issued to students.
- Implement staggered dismissal times, if possible, to maximize physical distancing and student safety.
- Ensure adequate supervision is available on bus lots, in parking lots, and in common areas of the building.
- Ensure proper signage is installed in hallways and common areas.
- Eliminate parent and community volunteers to ensure safety and health of students and staff.
- Provide parents/caregivers with options for in-person, phone, or video conferencing.
- Install barriers as needed to protect employees working in the nurse's office.
- Ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting takes place in the office area.
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- Ensure each student has a device at home.
- Monitor and assist teachers in the delivery of content for students.
- Implement appropriate grading procedures and work from home guidelines for teachers.

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Non-certified Staff
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Custodians
- Wear a mask or face shield when working in areas when social distancing is difficult.
- Make sure teachers are provided with all supplies needed daily including disinfectant and paper towels.
- Disinfect classrooms, restrooms, cafeterias, and common areas during the school day and after school on a schedule provided by school administration.

Nurse
- Wear a mask or face shield when working individually with students.
- Ensure the workspace is kept clean and sanitized.
- Communicate with families concerning when students may return to school after an illness.
- Ensure physical distancing protocols are followed whenever possible.
- Isolate students who are showing symptoms to a separate area away from other students already in the clinic.
- Ensure the clinic is disinfected immediately following a student entering who is exhibiting symptoms.
- Ensure doors to the clinic are open to minimize use of door handles and to ensure maximum air flow to the area.

Cafeteria Staff
- Wear masks or face shields while preparing and serving food.
- Clean and disinfect serving areas and tables between lunches.
- Serve all food to students. (Students will not self-serve items as they have in the past.)

Technology Department
- Provide assistance when technology issues occur.
- Ensure all students have access to a district provided device.

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Communications will be developed by the Wyandot County Health Department, not the school district. A common template will be developed to include the following:

- *Student Illness*
- *Student Illness with COVID-19*
- *Staff Illness with COVID-19*