

School Re-entry Update

Update to the Board of Education

July 23, 2020

To Recap

Plan and Adjust

Patience and Grace

Re-entry plan development

- Have kept the Board informed every step of the way.
- Teams of teachers, parents, leadership from the buildings and ASC.
- Guidance from the Cass County Health Department, American Academy of Pediatrics, Center for Disease Control, Harvard School of Public Health, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri Center for Public Health Excellence

To Recap

Re-entry plan sent to parents on July 10

- Several emails and RP Updates have followed.

Two objectives when we started this planning in late May

- To provide an in-person learning experience for as many students/parents who want it for as long as we can, while providing a reasonable risk reduction strategy for all.
- To provide a rigorous and relevant virtual instruction experience for those students/parents who are desirous of that experience.

Parental/student choice

First decision point

Registration Numbers

Building	Needing to Enroll	In-Person	In-person %	VIPR Instruction	ViPR %	Total enrollment
RP Academy	11	21	75%	7	25%	39
Bridle Ridge Elem.	46	257	79%	68	21%	371
Creekmoor Elem.	28	303	82%	67	18%	398
Eagle Glen Elem.	53	255	72%	97	28%	405
Ray-Pec High School	212	1451	80%	365	20%	2028
East Middle School	98	623	76%	194	24%	915
Peculiar Elem.	44	232	81%	55	19%	331
Raymore Elem.	64	225	78%	64	22%	353
South Middle School	74	442	75%	147	25%	663
Stonegate Elem.	42	208	72%	80	28%	330
Timber Creek Elem.	45	281	82%	61	18%	387
Total	717	4298	78%	1205	22%	6220

Alternative Schedule in Grades 6-12

Why

- Smaller class size allows for greater physical distancing
- Cohort groups are smaller (fewer students exposed/quarantining)

What

- A/B Groups
 - A- In-Person Monday & Wednesday, Tuesday & Thursday Virtual
 - B- In-Person Tuesday & Thursday, Monday & Wednesday Virtual
 - All Students- Friday Virtual

How

- Students divided in groups by Tyler SIS family group number
 - Even numbers group A
 - Odd numbers group B

Other potential alternatives

These plans are not necessarily sequential. Any of these adjustments may be implemented at any time as conditions warrant.

- In the event of isolated positive cases of the virus, and as directed by the Cass County Health Department, there may be periodic classroom or school closures with a transition to short-term distance learning for those groups of students.
- Continue providing elementary students with a full 5-day in-person experience by spreading out using space at the elementary and middle schools. In this scenario, the District would transition grades 6-12 to a full virtual environment with opportunities for small group intervention instruction at the high school for our middle and high school students. (This option does not impact students K-12 who had already selected the VIPR option.)
- Full virtual instruction model for all students.

Staff Surveys

School Opening Feedback 500 staff responses

- 15% - No concerns about returning
- 77% - Some concerns but planning to return
- 8% - Some concerns and would rather not return
- 0.5% - Significant concerns and do not plan to return

Recurring Staff Concerns

- Paid leave for staff
- Availability of substitutes
- Time for teacher breaks
- Overall protocol compliance - Students not wearing masks as directed
- Process when there is a confirmed case

Safety & Curricular Supply Needs 206 staff responses

- Cleaning supplies/Wipes/Hand Sanitizer
- Gloves
- Face Masks/Shields
- Plexiglass Barriers
- Student School Supplies
- Velcro Dots
- Individual Student Desks
- Individual White Boards
- Manipulatives; Fidgets

- Access to water for students (fountains closed)
- Inability to physical distance due to class size
- Student and staff mental health
- Time to prepare for virtual learning if it becomes necessary

Communication

Communication plan regarding reentry

- “Regular” Back to School reminders (registration, residency, vaccinations, supplies, etc.)
- 2020-specific Back to School issues (safety protocols, Q&A, technology, meals, etc.)
- Periodic schedule changes and school closures
- “A Message from Mike” - emails to parents outlining plans and potential adjustments

Communication plan regarding positive COVID-19 cases

- If an employee tests positive
- If a student tests positive
- If a classroom, grade level, school, or team/group is impacted

Summary

We plan to be ready for Aug 24. However, there are some issues to be aware of.

- Potential lack of substitute teachers
- Frequent in-person to distance learning transitions
- Risk-reduced is not risk-elimination
- Majority of staff have concerns about returning
- What is the outlook for virus control in the immediate (0-6 months) future?
 - Potential need for schedule adjustments
- Cass County Health Department will be our guide
- Work is underway on a metric based guide for closures and returns