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Restart Plan for North Central Local Schools for BOE on 7-21-2020-Updated for 8-11-2020

***Schedule August 4, 2020 at 5 pm Special BOE meeting to approve an Opening Plan.**

NORTH CENTRAL LOCAL SCHOOLS RE-OPENING PLANS

Looking forward to the 2020-21 school year, NC is committed to keeping you informed and engaged as we work to reopen schools. Our top priority is the health and safety of our Students, Staff, and Community.

*The Board of Education, teachers, supervisors, and administrative staff have worked together to develop a framework for returning to school based on guidance from the Ohio Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control, and the local health department and the Governor's office. **We are planning, working, and finding safe ways to bring students back to a traditional NC classroom learning model with emphasis on safety and health protocols in place to reduce the risk of the coronavirus exposure for both our students and staff.***

- School will start as rescheduled on **Monday, August 24, 2020**
- We will provide traditional classroom learning, five days per week focusing on safety guidance and recommendations
- A remote/online learning environment will be available for most students (NOVA)
- A mask/face shield during school for students **K-12 is required.**
- Teachers and staff will be required to wear a mask/face shield.
- Bus routes will remain traditional, but a face shield or mask will be required.
- We will be working hard with cleaning protocols.
- We will promote good hygiene practices.

Planning and reopening will require a flexible and fluid approach as the information we need to make informed decisions may change between now and August, as well as after the school year has started.

We remain committed to keeping you informed on the progress of the work at NC and any changes that might be required/mandated. Please continue to watch your email, website, and social media for additional updates. We appreciate your support and the feedback that many of you shared through our survey. We look forward to welcoming students back. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Face Coverings- (Masks or Shields) Face coverings will be worn by all staff. Face coverings will be **required** for all students if our county is in Yellow or Level 1. If we are Level 2 (Orange) or higher face coverings will be required for all students. Students will be asked to provide their own face coverings. Note- Kids sent to office and suspected of COVID-19 symptoms will be required to wear a mask. **All students grades K-12 will be required to wear a mask as per Gov. DeWine order.**

Athletics- Currently the plan is to start athletics on August 1, 2020. We will be taking temperatures of athletes when they come in and sanitizing all equipment at the end of each practice. Athletes are expected to bring their own water and come dressed ready for practice. We are currently waiting on further guidance from the OHSAA regarding how the fall seasons will go as well as what rules there will be for spectators. Physicals will still be required so athletes will need those done prior to August 1, 2020.

Transportation- **The transportation form needs to be on file (See NC Website)** (Masks or Shields) will be worn by all Students prior to getting on the bus. Hand sanitizer will be available for students as they get on and off the bus. Students will be transported to school on NC buses 2 per seat. Siblings and in some instances if the children are younger and therefore smaller may sit up to 3 per seat. Seating charts will be made by each driver and followed by each student. Buses will arrive to school with an ETA of 7:45 AM. *If at all possible please consider transporting your students to and from school especially to start the year.*

***School Hours-** Staff will report to school from 7:45 AM until 3:00 PM. Students will report from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM. The shortening of the day will also provide the staff with time needed to clean, organize, attend meetings, and plan for the next day. The proposed starting day is August 24, 2020 (PD for Teachers on August 19, 20, and 21, 2020 will assure Google Classroom is ready, rooms are arranged as safe as possible, and Remote Learning can begin if needed on day 1, 2020). **Set up a Remote Learning Day at NC on Friday September 25, 2020.*

Remote Learning- The staff will support our **in school** option students that are placed in quarantine remotely to ensure that they stay caught up and do not fall behind. Options for remote learning in preschool are: homeschooling (Contact NWOESC) or an online charter school if the in school option is not acceptable. A remote learning option will be available for students who do not want to attend from the start called NOVA. **NOVA is for Grades K-12** and can be used with the following note: Parents who do not feel comfortable sending their child/ren to the school building will have the opportunity of enrolling their student in NOVA, an online platform. NOVA offers the benefits of online schooling and flexibility with the benefits of public school. Students enrolled in NOVA are eligible for middle and high school activities including sports, band, chorus, and other extracurricular activities. In addition NOVA offers NCAA sanctioned courses, AP courses, and dual enrollment courses allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school. Students completing the required coursework will graduate from their local school with a high school diploma. Students will be required to enroll for at least 1 semester if that option is chosen. A meeting with our on-site NOVA administrator will be required for all students who choose this path. Students must possess computer skills and a great deal of self-motivation and discipline to be successful with NOVA.

Food Service- Students will eat lunch in the Auditoria here at NC. We will use our space to spread kids out and provide dividers between each student at our tables. Tables will be spaced to allow for social distancing. We will not have a microwave available. We will follow all rules and regulations from the Health Department.

PPE- The district has purchased Masks, Gloves, Disinfectant Spray, Cordless Electro Sprayer, Hand Sanitizer and dispensers, Thermometers, materials to build dividers for the whole school, other sanitizers (wipes) and Hand Dryers. Parents are encouraged to provide wipes to the teachers if at all possible (They are impossible to buy in bulk). Approximately **\$37,000** on these items and growing.)

Visitors- We will not be accepting visitors in our school at this time. Adults that are required to be in the building will report to the office and sign in with the office (NCES/ NCJHHS/ BOE). Face coverings will be required of all adults at NC. Parents are required to drop students off at the curb and pickup will be the same. If you need to pick up a student during the day please call the office and we will make sure the student is escorted outside for you to pick up. The best form of communication between the school and parents will be: Phone calls, Emails, or Zoom meetings.

Important Items of Note (From Williams County Plan)

- If there is a change in the level/color of Williams County COVID monitoring, then additional safety precautions, in partnership with the Williams County Health Department, will be implemented.

- If the county is labeled by the State of Ohio as “orange”, school districts would require face masks to be worn by all students in grades K to 12.

- *If Williams County is classified as red, the school systems will consult with the Williams County Health Department to determine the best course of action for students, activities, and learning. Information will be reviewed, and decisions will be made within 24 hours of receiving the notification of receiving a "red" status for the county. Dependent upon the data, schools and activities could remain open with the in-person learning option. If a change in status to the level of "red" occurs, schools will remain open until further notice is provided to district stakeholders. However, parents will be notified on any changes to the learning plans as soon as possible. The school systems, in cooperation with the Williams County Health Department, will make the most informed decisions for their individual district. As of this print date, information is released by the Governor's office each Thursday that indicates a county's “alert status.” This information will be heavily monitored each week.*

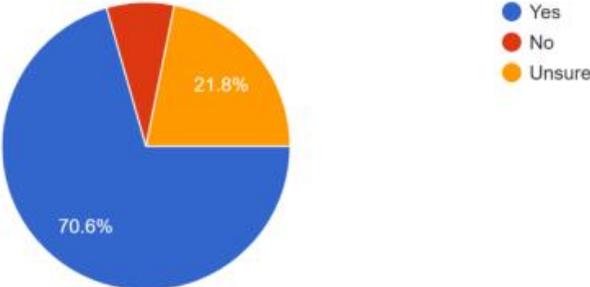
Agreement is Subject to Change

- *Significant time, effort and collaboration were spent amongst Superintendents and the Williams County Health Commissioner to develop guidelines that align with directives and recommendations from Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Ohio Department of Health. Please understand it is our desire to adhere to this agreement in developing our own district-specific guidelines and protocols. However, due to the fluidity of the COVID19 pandemic, and in order to respond to new recommendations or mandates, changes to this agreement are to be expected. County Superintendents and representatives of the Williams County Health Department have been and will be in constant communication to prepare and respond differently, if necessary, to provide for the safety of our students and staff members.*

From our June 17, 2020 Survey of Parents (Below)

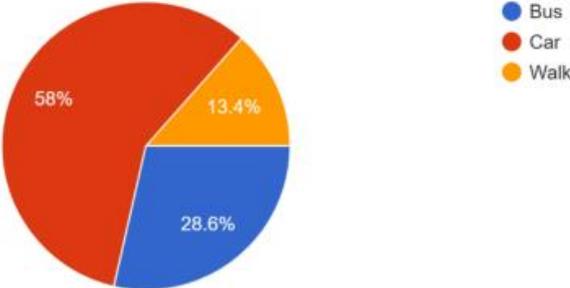
If NCLS reopens with all students in school everyday and follows state safety protocols, will you feel safe sending your child to school?

119 responses



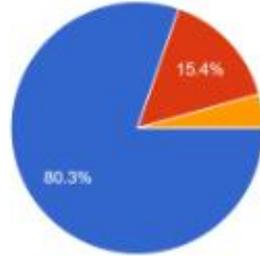
How will you prefer your child be transported?

119 responses



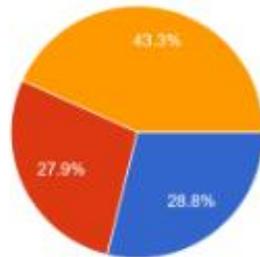
From our July 17, 2020 Form from Parents- Results on July 21, 2020 (Below)

Williams County is now level YELLOW, so face masks for students are recommended. If Williams County moves to ORANGE level, face masks will be... you choose for Fall Semester (Aug.-Dec.) 2020?
208 responses



- My child(ren) will attend in person at NC fall semester
- I will request online/remote learning for fall semester (NOVA-available for grades 3-12 ONLY, there will not be an online option for preschool-2nd grade)
- I will withdraw my child(ren)

If we have in-person learning at school, bus riders will be required to wear face masks. Will your child(ren) ride the bus to school Fall Semester?
208 responses



- Yes
- No, I will provide transportation
- N/A- My children are car riders or walkers

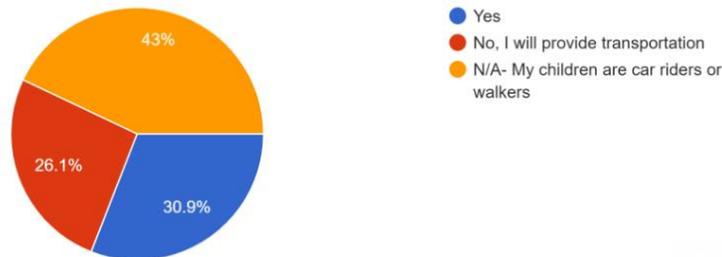
*Out of 208 surveyed so far, about 80% plan to send their children to school in person. About 29% plan to have their children ride the bus. July 21, 2020 PM

From our July 17, 2020 Form from Parents- Results on July 26, 2020- FINAL (Below)

Williams County is now level YELLOW, so face masks for students are recommended. If Williams County moves to ORANGE level, face masks will be... you choose for Fall Semester (Aug.-Dec.) 2020?
249 responses



If we have in-person learning at school, bus riders will be required to wear face masks. Will your child(ren) ride the bus to school Fall Semester?
249 responses



*Out of 249 surveyed so far, about 79% plan to send their children to school in person. About 31% plan to have their children ride the bus. July 26, 2020 PM

***The plan has been developed over the months of June and July (2020). This is based on the latest information we have and is a fluid document which can and will be changed as we move along.**

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