

Maumee's Back-to-School Plans Announced

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TO: Maumee City Schools Parents

FROM: Todd Cramer, Superintendent of Maumee City Schools

Normally this time of year we call you to provide information about our back to school registration days and share exciting summer updates. However, as we all know, this summer COVID 19 has continued to dominate our landscape and changed the way we must go about opening this school year. For the first time in many years, there will not be an in person back-to-school registration day. Instead, you will receive more information in the coming weeks as to how we will handle this process. Today we are releasing Maumee's Reset & Restart school plan for the 2020-21 school year. Details are included in an email being sent to you. Our plan offers parents a LEARNING AT SCHOOL in our classrooms option and also a LEARNING AT HOME online/virtual option for their children.

Our plan has been approved by the Toledo Lucas County health department and it was designed with input from over 50 staff members, students and parents who contributed hundreds of hours over the summer to ensure we can start school in a safe, responsible manner. Given that our district is roughly nine square miles and we are population-dense within our boundaries, as well as have air conditioned buildings, we have options available to us that other school districts simply do not. We are fortunate that we do not have bus routes that require students to ride for an hour or more and thanks to the forethought of our Board of Education, our classrooms are larger than most since they were not built to minimum specifications. In addition, our district once had more than 500 additional students in attendance as our graduating classes were of over 300 students. Now we average around 200 students per class. These factors and others are significant in allowing us to offer in person instruction this fall.

After reviewing details about the two educational options and safety protocols that will be in place to protect students and staff, I am asking you to complete the survey form that was emailed to you by SchoolMessenger email no later than next Wednesday, July 29.

Completing this form is critical so we can plan for your children who will be LEARNING AT SCHOOL and attending in person classes in our schools and those who will be LEARNING AT HOME by completing their curriculum in an online environment.

http://www.maumee.k12.oh.us/reset_and_restart_plan_2020/index.php

I want to directly address the number one question I have received throughout the summer: Yes - every student and staff member will be expected to wear a mask while in one of our school facilities. You will find much more information regarding masks and the other health and safety protocols that will be in place this August in our Reset & Restart School plan that is included in your email.

I want to end this message by thanking you for your patience and understanding as we continue to do our best to meet the needs of our students in a safe and responsible manner. Please understand that the plan attached in your email is our plan as of today and it may need to change based on any shifts in the recommendations of the state or local health department. We still have more than a month before our students will be attending school and we need to make sure our plan is responsive to any changes between now and then. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Take care.