Flexible Learning 2.0
Pickerington School’s plan to bring students back to school

Board of Education & Community Update - July 13th, 2020
Guiding Principles for Flexible Learning 2.0

**Academic Excellence**
- Provide in-person instruction for all students as much as possible
- Provide a fully online option for students that the district determines to need an alternative setting necessitated by their medical needs.
- Prepare to shift between delivery models at any time due to COVID-19

**Efficient Operations**
- Create rational procedures for use of facilities, transportation, child nutrition, student activities

**Modern Facilities**
- We will consider guidance while following all requirements established by ODH, ODE, OHSAA, local health departments to keep our facilities safe
Timeline for Flexible Learning 2.0

Phase 1
- Rapid Implementation & Reflection
  - March - May 2020

Phase 2
- Planning, Preparing, Learning
  - May - August 2020

Phase 3
- Implementation 2.0 & Flexibility
  - August 2020 - May 2021
Planned phases for Flexible Learning 2.0

Disclaimer

PLSD will follow mandates/requirements required by the Governor, Ohio Department of Health, and Ohio Department of Education. These mandates/requirements may affect any/all proposed courses of action.
Levels for Flexible Learning 2.0

COVID-19 Status Level Green
- FULLY BACK TO SCHOOL
  - All students expected to attend school
  - Enhanced health safety and cleaning

COVID-19 Status Level Yellow
- HYBRID MODEL
  - Two days in school and three days virtually

COVID-19 Status Level Orange
- SPECIFIC BUILDINGS CLOSED & MOVED TO VIRTUAL LEARNING
  - Virtual learning in closed buildings only
  - Could be an immediate change, if necessitated by the Health Department

COVID-19 Status Level Red
- 100% VIRTUAL LEARNING
  - All students stay home
  - Virtual learning for all students

District Leadership Team will monitor on a daily basis and will communicate an update on the status every five weeks.
Levels for Flexible Learning 2.0

COVID-19 Status Level Green

- The goal Status Level for district operations
- Face masks/coverings policy will be implemented for students and staff members.
- Enhanced cleaning of the classrooms, offices and common spaces
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies available in all classrooms and common spaces.
- Modifications to bell schedules, hallway & locker usage.
- Modification to cafeteria use, including scheduling additional lunch periods and use of additional areas for lunch

FULLY BACK TO SCHOOL
- All students expected to attend school
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Levels for Flexible Learning 2.0

COVID-19 Status Level Yellow

- Creation of two cohorts
  - Cohort A will attend school face to face on Monday and Tuesday
  - Cohort A will attend school virtually on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
  - Cohort B will attend school face to face on Thursday and Friday
  - Cohort B will attend school virtually on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- Students will be placed into cohorts by household
  - All students in the same household will be in the same cohort
- All students will be loaned a PLSD device for the school year to take back and forth from school
- Assignments & lessons will be different depending on if the student is learning in the school building or learning virtually.
- Plus all of the measures stated under Status Level Green including the face mask/covering policy
- Staff members would be expected to report to school during their normal work hours unless determined otherwise by the Superintendent or Human Resources Director.
COVID-19 Status Level Orange

- Orange Status Level would be instituted due to a closure of a building as district consults with the Local Health Department.
  - Rest of the District would remain on their current level.
- Students/Teachers in a closed building would transition to a fully virtual learning while building is closed.
- New expectations and processes will be put in place to improve:
  - Communication
  - Virtual Instruction
  - Use of Technology
- Staff members in the building that is closed in consultation with the Local Health Department will work from home
  - Staff members the other buildings that remain open would be expected to report to school during their normal work hours unless determined otherwise by the Superintendent or Human Resources Director.
- This change could be an immediate change depending on orders from the Local Health Department
  - Families are encouraged to develop a plan for their families if this status level would need to be implemented.
 Levels for Flexible Learning 2.0

COVID-19
Status Level Red

- Red status would result from an Executive Order from the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health, Local Health Department or the Superintendent.
- Virtual Learning would be instituted to provide a consistent delivery of educational content to students.
- Teachers will provide instruction through:
  - Google Classroom/Seesaw
  - Google Meet - Office Hours, Check-Ins and virtual instruction
  - Recorded instructional videos
- Staff members would work from home during this period until the superintendent allows for staff to return to the building
- This change could be an immediate change depending on orders from the Governor, Ohio Department of Health, or the Local Health Department
  - Families are encouraged to develop a plan for their families if this status level would need to be implemented.

100% VIRTUAL LEARNING
- All students stay home
- Virtual learning for all students
The PLSD Task Force is recommending the creation of the PLSD Virtual Learning Academy.

Parents will have the opportunity to apply for their students to attend the PLSD Virtual Learning Academy.

Once accepted into the PLSD Virtual Learning Academy students are committed to the PLSD Virtual Academy for the year.

Learning will be 100% virtual learning.

Will have virtual access to PLSD teachers, as they will pull small groups or individuals through Google Meet.

Curriculum for the virtual academy will be:

- Grades K-5 will use digital resources directly aligned with the current curriculum and tailor them for online learning.
- Grades 6-12 will use APEX Learning as the curriculum.
  - Not all PLSD courses will be offered through APEX.

Application would be available on the PLSD website tomorrow morning and will be due on July 26th at 11:59 PM.

There may be an additional fee (no more than $100) to enroll into the PLSD Virtual Learning Academy.

Traditional school fees will be removed in place of the PLSD Virtual Learning Academy fee.

Students attending the VLA can still participate in after school extracurriculars.
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At Pickerington Schools the following will be essential to creating a healthy learning environment.

- Vigilantly assess for symptoms
- Daily health checks, including temperature
  - Parents conduct daily health checks for their children at home
- Wash and sanitize hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize the school to limit the spread on shared surfaces
- Implement face masks/coverings for students and staff.
- Practice social distance when necessary
The following items have been ordered in preparation for providing a healthy learning environment.

- Hand sanitizers for each classroom, high traffic areas, and extracurricular venues
- EPA/FDA approved cleaning and disinfecting products effective in killing viruses
- Enhance health safety and protocols for food services

- Facemask and shields for clinic and identified special education staff
- Plexiglass barriers for office spaces
- Additional PPE for clinic and identified special education staff

- Non-touch infrared scanning thermometers
- Adding bottle filling stations to some water fountains
- Signage for safety reminders to students and staff
Healthy Learning Environments
Recommended General Strategies for Good Hygiene

- If you feel sick or if you have a temperature of 100°F or greater, must stay home. Do not return to school/work until you meet CDC criteria or are cleared by a medical provider.
- Students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home or to a health care provider immediately.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in your home, please contact your child’s principal and health care provider.

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol content if soap and water are not available.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom and in common areas.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items and surfaces as much as possible.
- Utilize personal protective equipment as needed.

- Practice social distancing whenever feasible.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue and dispose of the tissue.
Healthy Learning Environments

Face Mask/Covering Policy

Pickerington Schools will be implementing the following face mask/covering policy for anyone that enters our buildings or is transported through school means.

- All staff members are required to wear a face mask/covering.
- All students (PK-12) are required to wear a face mask/covering while on school transportation.
- All students (PK-12) are required to wear a face mask/covering during the school day.
- All visitors, parents, or guardians are required to wear a face mask/covering.
Healthy Learning Environments

Safety Protocols: Cleaning procedures during the school day

Prior to the start of the school day
- Commonly touched items will be disinfected.
- Hand sanitizer and soap dispensers will be checked for daily use.
- Buses will be cleaned in preparation for the morning routes.

During the school day
- High traffic touch points will be cleaned numerous times throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizing stations and soap dispensers will be refilled as needed.
- Buses will be cleaned in preparation for the afternoon routes.

At the end of the school day
- Thorough cleaning of the building.
- Areas used for extracurricular activities will also be cleaned after usage.
Healthy Learning Environments

General Strategies for Transportation

Challenges exist to implement social distancing on school buses. Most routes include 60-70 rostered students and our buses have 24-26 seats. Financial constraints, a limited number of licensed bus drivers, and total number of buses in our fleet, make social distancing on buses difficult. In turn, this could hinder the District’s ability to meet social distancing guidelines.

- Parents should conduct daily health checks of their child and not send an ill child to school.
- Students will be assigned seats on all buses.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
- Students will be required to wear face masks/coverings to ride on buses unless there is a documented medical reason that this is not feasible for the student.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on buses and at entrance and exit points of school buildings prior to loading and unloading buses.
- Drivers will be required to follow employee guidelines for wearing face masks/coverings.
- Number of students being released from the buildings to load and unload from the busses will be reduced as much as possible.

Parents should notify the transportation office if their student intends to utilize an alternative transportation method other than District provided transportation.
Starting the 2020-2021 School Year

**COVID-19 Status Level Yellow**
- Two days in school and three days virtually

**HYBRID MODEL**
- Two days in school and three days virtually

Pickerington Schools will begin school in Status Level Yellow - Hybrid Model
- Households will be assigned a cohort through Infinite Campus
  - All students in the same household will be in the same cohort.
- All students will be loaned devices on first days of school.
- Students that are involved in athletics, band, extra-curricular events after school hours may arrive at school after the school day for practice or meetings.
- Some students with intensive and complex special education needs may be placed so they can attend school four days a week.
- Constant monitoring and evaluation with the District Leadership Team and Local Health Departments.
- We are currently evaluating the district calendar to determine if we can allow additional time at the beginning of the school year for professional learning and health training for staff members.
Starting the 2020-2021 School Year

Large Group Gatherings
- Staff Convocation will be moved to a virtual format
- Welcome days, schedule pick up, building tours will be moved to a virtual format
- Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Fall semester will be held virtually through Google Meet or by phone.
- We are still waiting on guidance from OHSAA about Fans attending sporting events.
- Building specific events (dances, family fun nights, etc) are still being discussed.
Starting the 2020-2021 School Year

COVID-19
Status Level Yellow

HYBRID MODEL
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Action Steps for Families
- Provide face masks/coverings for your student
- Have your student(s) practice wearing the face mask/covering in preparation for returning to school
- Provide a water bottle for your student (if necessary)
- Determine how to conduct daily wellness checks including temperature and symptom checks
- Determine your support systems (family members, daycare, childcare) for virtual days.
- Ensure that your contact information and emergency contacts are up to date in Infinite Campus
- Read over communication from the district or principals between now and the start of school
As a reminder, plans are “at this moment”, and we will continue to re-evaluate based on evolving conditions, data about the status of the pandemic, and recommendations and guidance from public health departments and the scientific community. Our goal is always to move as safely as possible to Status Level Green. We will provide updates to the public every five weeks about the Status Levels in the district.