



Caswell County Schools Re-Entry Plan “School Your Way” 2020-2021

July 14, 2020

Dear Parents of Caswell County Schools Students,

As you are aware, there has been uncertainty surrounding the start-up of the 2020-2021 school year. With COVID-19 numbers ever-changing, there are questions as to what model of returning to school is best for our students and staff. Governor Roy Cooper tasked school districts with creating three plans to provide options for the return of students. The options range from all students in school (Plan A) to all students learning remotely (Plan C). There is also a hybrid model (Plan B) that provides both remote learning and learning face-to-face with teachers. Today, July 14th, Governor Cooper announced that schools will open on August 17th under Plan B, the hybrid model with options for total remote learning for students.

Over the past month, we have collected data from parent and staff surveys. This information, along with recommendations from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and guidelines from the North Carolina State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction has provided guidance for our plan. The NC State Board of Education and NC Department of Public Instruction’s Guidelines, *Lighting Our Way Forward: North Carolina’s Guidance on Reopening K-12 Public Schools* also provided recommendations for *The CCS Plan B: School Your Way*.

Caswell County Schools will implement *The CCS Plan B: School Your Way* Model which will accommodate a variety of student learning needs while simultaneously keeping our students safe. On July 13, 2020, the Caswell County School Board approved the framework for CCS Plan B; **these plans remain fluid and subject to change** due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. As Governor Cooper announced on July 14th, if safety concerns increase, districts have the option to move to Plan C.

Overview of CCS - Plan B: School Your Way:

There is no one plan that will meet the needs of every family; however, in **CCS Plan B: School Your Way**, students in grades Pre-K through 12th grade have the choice to either choose (1) **TOTAL REMOTE LEARNING MODEL** five days a week or choose the (2) **HYBRID LEARNING MODEL** of face-to-face with a teacher two days each week. The remaining three days students will be provided individual practice and enrichment learning opportunities away from school. (Beginning in August, 2020, every Kindergarten through twelfth grade student will be assigned a 1x1 Chromebook that will go between home and school each day.)

(1) TOTAL REMOTE LEARNING MODEL: Example: If Student M chooses the Total Remote Learning Model, Student M would complete all assignments away from school Monday through Friday. Each Wednesday, the teacher will remotely meet with Student M.

- **TOTAL REMOTE LEARNING MODEL.** If you prefer that your student remains off-campus, you must choose the Total Remote Learning Model. Students who select the Total Remote Learning Model **must commit for a semester** and can rotate to the Hybrid Model at the end of each semester.
- If a student chooses **TOTAL REMOTE LEARNING** but does not have internet access, the parent/guardian **MUST COMMIT** to picking up a flash drive from the school each Thursday. Information needed for student learning will be downloaded on the flash drive each week. Each Thursday, the parent/guardian will return the prior week's flash drive to the school and pick up another flash drive with downloaded information for the student.
- For students with home internet access, lessons will be recorded and downloaded to Google Classroom or Canvas for access to instruction.
- All students in the **TOTAL REMOTE LEARNING MODEL** will be assigned Wednesdays to remotely meet with their teachers.

(2) HYBRID MODEL: The Hybrid Model will follow the schedule of **AA B CC**. For example, Student X might be assigned to attend school on Monday and Tuesday. Student X will complete assignments away from school on Wednesday through Friday each week. Another student, Student Z, might be assigned to attend school on Thursday and Friday. Student Z would then complete assignments away from school on Monday through Wednesday each week.

- In the *Hybrid Model*, elementary, middle, and high school students will attend face-to-face instruction two-days during the week as assigned by the students' last name.
- All students with the last name beginning with **A-L** will attend school **Monday** and **Tuesday**. On Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays A-L students will engage in remote learning supplementary assignments in preparation for successfully submitting to their teachers.

- All students with the last name beginning with **M-Z** will attend school **Thursday** and **Friday**. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, students with the last names beginning with M-Z will complete remote learning supplementary assignments in preparation for successfully submitting to their teachers.
- School start times will remain the same as in prior years. Elementary schools and the middle school will release students approximately 45 minutes earlier in the afternoons. Each school will provide their exact beginning and dismissal time. The high school will release at regular time.

SAFETY

Following the guidance of health care officials, numerous safety protocols and procedures will be enforced during the 2020-2021 school year. A few of the many safety precautions are as follows:

- **Face Masks:** Five (5) cloth face masks will be provided for each student and staff member that must be worn while on school property (including the bus). The only exception to wearing a mask is with documentation provided by a medical physician.
- **Social Distancing:** Maintaining at least 6 feet distancing in reduced class sizes.
- **Temperature Checks:** Student and staff temperature checks taken at the entrance of the school each day.
- **Increased Hand Washing:** To include hand washing stations, classroom access to hand sanitizer, and scheduled opportunities for handwashing.
- **Daily Sanitizing:** Increased cleaning throughout the school, with deep cleaning on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.
- **School Nurses:** A full-time school nurse at each school
- **Entry, Exit, and Transition Plans:** Clear procedures for movement through the building to limit contact
- **Visitor Restriction:** Visitors restricted to only those essential for school system operations
- **Bus Transportation:** Social distancing, enhanced cleaning, face masks required
- Numerous additional procedures and protocols

Please complete the following survey by **Tuesday, July 21, 2020**, so we can plan for face-to-face instruction, cleaning, and social distancing, as well as for remote learning instruction for the return of school on August 17th. Once you have made a decision regarding the method in which your student will engage in *Plan B: School Your Way*, you and your student will be committed to that model in which you select until the end of the semester. Again, thank you for completing this survey. We look forward to seeing your students in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandra Carter, Superintendent