



RESET AND RESTART EDUCATION PLAN PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



COMPASSION AND SAFETY

The Pymatuning Valley Local School District is committed to maintaining academic excellence and providing students a high quality education. This Reset and Restart Education Plan is presented to identify the district's goals for teaching and learning as we transition into the 2020-2021 school year. The plan outlines procedures, expectations and protocols for educating students in a physical and electronic setting.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Laker Families,

During these uncertain times, the Pymatuning Valley Local School District is committed to offering our community the highest quality education while taking the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff into consideration. As a public school district, we need to abide by the regulations set by the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health, and Ashtabula County Health Department.

As such, we have developed a Reset and Restart Education Plan, which serves as the local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional reopening activities. This document was developed using the [COVID-19 HEALTH AND PREVENTION GUIDANCE FOR OHIO K-12 SCHOOLS](#), which was issued by the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health. The administration of Pymatuning Valley collaborated with the following organizations and professionals in creating this plan: Ashtabula County Health Department, Pymatuning Valley Education Association, Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 422, and the Pymatuning Valley Board of Education.

This document may be altered and subject to change based on the status of Ashtabula County in reference to COVID-19. Individual building plans will be completed by July 31, 2020 and posted to our district website, Facebook page, and emailed.

Feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns regarding the information shared in the plan.

Sincerely,
Christopher Edison

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GUIDELINES

Vigilantly Assess for Symptoms

- We are requesting that students and staff self-check their temperature before leaving for school. If their temperature is above **100.4 F** they should notify the school that they will not be reporting as a result of a fever.
- When leaving home to arrive at bus stop, parents must assure student does not have any of the following symptoms:
 - A fever of **100.4 F** or greater
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of smell and/or taste
- Students and Staff will have their temperature checked prior to entering the school. If a child has a temperature of **100.4 F** or higher, the staff will call the student's emergency contacts to pick the child up ASAP. If a staff member has a temperature of **100.4 F** or higher, they will be directed to go home.
- If children are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, as listed on page 6 of [COVID-19 HEALTH AND PREVENTION GUIDANCE FOR OHIO K-12 SCHOOLS](#), their emergency contacts will be notified to pick the child up.
- In order to return to school, the student and/or staff member **MUST** have a physician note clearing them to return to school.
- Testing sites for COVID 19 are limited in Ashtabula County. In most cases, an order from the patients physician is required for a COVID 19 test to be given to the student/staff member in Ashtabula County. Please be aware of these limitations.

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WASH AND SANITIZE HANDS TO PREVENT SPREAD

- The district has invested in hand sanitizer.
- Hand sanitizer will be in all classrooms and common areas.
- It is recommended that users use only 1 pump of the hand sanitizer.
- Students will wash/sanitize their hands upon entering the school; Restroom breaks; Before eating; After eating; Exiting the school for the day.
- Staff will instruct students on how to properly sanitize/wash hands.
- Parents can send their child with individual/personal hand sanitizer.

THOROUGHLY CLEAN AND SANITIZE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS TO LIMIT SPREAD OF SHARED SURFACES

- In addition to regular cleaning and sanitizing the district will:
 - Frequently sanitize surfaces
 - Frequently sanitize high contact surfaces
 - Provide classrooms with disinfectant solution to use, if needed
 - Sanitize high contact surfaces on school buses between routes
 - Disinfect the school buses after the morning and afternoon runs are completed.
 - Latex free gloves will be available for staff use, if needed.

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social distancing of 6ft or more whenever possible on school premises.
- We do understand that in some cases, social distancing will be challenging or impossible, in that case we ask that the teachers and/or students practice good hygiene practices and wear a mask.



GUIDELINES

IMPLEMENT FACE COVERING POLICY

- At this time (7/17/2020), face coverings are not mandated for students under the current Governors order. However, each school district may exceed the minimum standards set forth by the Governor and the State of Ohio. The Governor's order does require all staff to wear masks.
- Based on information provided by the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, Ashtabula County Health Department, and Governor DeWine, the district has developed the following policy regarding face coverings:
 - **ALL** Students and Staff must wear a *face covering and/or face shield* on the school bus. If a parent or guardian does not want their child to wear a *face covering and/or face shield* on the school bus, they must provide transportation to and from school.
 - **ALL** Staff must wear a *face covering and/or face shield*. The district will provide face coverings and face shields for staff members.
 - Students in Kindergarten - 4th Grade will **NOT** be required to wear *face covering and/or face shield* in school, however, the district strongly recommends that students wear a *face covering and/or face shield*. Rationale- During the early learning years, teachers and students use various facial expressions while learning, in some cases, this is a main form of communication for students. In order to fully understand our phonics program, it is crucial that the teacher be able to see a child's mouth and facial expression.
 - Students in 5th-12th grade will be required to wear a *face covering and/or face shield* while in school.
 - **Exemption:**
 - Staff Member and/or Student has a note from a physician indicating that a *face covering and/or face shield* will be detrimental to their overall health and well being. These notes will be on file in the school offices.
 - If a student and/or staff member does not comply with the Face Covering Policy they will receive a warning and if they continue to be insubordinate, the administration will implement consequences for the student.



PYMATUNING VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS ONLINE LEARNING

Many families are faced with various challenges as it relates to COVID-19. The district wants to provide an Online Learning Option for those students. The Online Learning will be rigorous and allow the student to have access to the same content standards that are being taught in the physical classroom. With that being said, here are some basic requirements for Online Learning:

- Families must commit to a semester of online learning.
- There will be a 2-week add/drop period, ending on ***September 4, 2020***. Meaning, students can start the year with online learning but they have until ***September 4, 2020***, to go back into the physical classroom setting.
- If a family needs online learning or wants to go back to the physical classroom after ***September 4, 2020***, they will need to contact their building principal for administrator approval.
- All Online Learning Courses will count towards student's academic transcripts.
- The district will provide the curriculum and chromebooks for students.
- A Pymatuning Valley teacher will be the point of contact for online learning.
- More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

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COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES

If the Ashtabula County Health Department or the State of Ohio mandates Pymatuning Valley Local School District close because of COVID 19 illness, students will receive remote learning.

- At the beginning of the school year families will need to indicate whether they want Chromebooks or Instructional Packets for their child's education.
- Teachers will utilize the Google Classroom platform for instructional purposes.
- Teachers will need to address student/parent concerns within 24 hours.
- Teachers will post assignments and lessons for students to view and complete.
- Teachers will update Parent Access on a weekly basis to help keep parents informed of student progress.
- Instructional Packets will be developed, distributed, and collected in 2 week intervals.
- Lunches will be delivered everyday at designated drop off locations.

Grades / Grading:

- Teachers will provide feedback and evaluate student work. Grades will reflect the same structure and rubrics that are used when school is in session. Teachers are given flexibility and may work with their principals to respond to special circumstances on the part of students and their families.



OTHER INFORMATION

The following is other information that will make our staff and students safer throughout the COVID-19 health situation:

- No visitors will be permitted in the school buildings. A parent/guardian must make an appointment with a teacher, principal, or other staff member in order to be in the school. Anyone entering the building will need to have their temperature checked and wear a mask. Refusal to do so will result in a request to leave the building.
- Traditional water fountains will be turned off during this time period. Each building does have at least one Water Fountain that refills bottles, those will remain operational. Students may have water bottles into the classroom. All school water fountain spigots should be periodically cleaned with an alcohol swab to prevent contamination from contact with student water bottles.
- Each building will have spare disposable masks for student and staff use, if needed.
- If there is a COVID-19 confirmed case in the school district, the Ashtabula County Health Department will conduct contact tracing. They will notify families that their child should be quarantined for 14 calendar days, if they determine their child came into contact with the COVID-19 positive person.
- The district will have daily communication with the Ashtabula County Health Department, specifically we will notify the ACHD of our daily attendance rates so they can monitor potential spread within the district.
- Whenever possible cohort students and teachers in the same classroom to minimize COVID 19 disease transmission.
- No self serve food items from the cafeteria for students should be allowed. Either serve individual pre-packaged food or a staff member would need to serve prepared food to the students.
- Consider if weather permits to teach the students outside of the building to decrease the risk of COVID 19 disease transmission.
- Encourage planned and staggered recess periods.
- Place social distancing markers on floors in school buildings and signage throughout the school buildings to promote social distancing.
- Recommend training staff on COVID 19 disease prevention in school settings.

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TRANSPORTATION

The following guidelines will be used on our morning and afternoon bus routes:

- Drivers and Aides are required to wear mask/shield when in direct contact with students
- Students must wear cloth mask when riding school bus.
- **Students:** Parent/Guardians must monitor symptoms prior to school
- **ANYONE** experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Communication regarding symptoms during school day
- Students will be loaded back to front / Unloaded front to back
- **Bus Stop Procedures in AM**
 - Students must wash hands thoroughly prior to arriving at the bus stop.
 - Students should maintain social distance while waiting at the bus stop. Parents should be at the bus stop to assist with this.
 - Students should wear a mask at the bus stop and on the school bus (unless there is a medical reason they cannot). A mask should be provided if a student does not have a mask. Mask must cover nose and mouth.
- **Unloading at school**
 - Students will be directed which door to enter at school.
 - Students should not be discharged from the bus until the unloading area at the school is clear.
- Students must keep their masks on as they leave the bus and walk through the unloading area.
- Students are not to pass each other in the bus aisles or unloading zone when unloading.
- **Afternoon bus loading at school**
 - Students should line up in the order of their bus stops. The last students to get off the route should be the first students to load the bus.
 - Students shall wear masks when they board the bus and keep masks on while onboard the bus.
 - Students must move directly to their assigned seat.
 - If hand sanitizer is provided on the bus, students should use it after they have entered the bus.

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TRANSPORTATION CONTINUED...

- **Bus Stop Procedures in PM**

- Students must ride the bus they were assigned to and disembark at the stop they were assigned to.
- Student transfers between buses and/or stops should not be allowed in order to maximize contact tracing and accountability
- Driver should remind students to socially distance as they exit the bus and at their designated place of safety.
- Students must keep their masks on as they leave the bus.
- Parents should be at the bus stop to receive their children and maintain social distancing of students as they leave the bus.

- **Multiple Pick Up/Drop Off for students**

- Limit all students to a single stop, including shared parenting scenarios.
 - This reduces the need for students to have multiple seats assigned on different routes.
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- If a parent/guardian has a transportation concern please contact the Bus Garage 293-5362 and your Building Principal.
 - If a parent/guardian is not comfortable with the Pymatuning Valley Transportation Plan, we encourage the family to drive the students to school.
 - All Transportation Procedures must be followed.