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Dear Waverly City School Family,

I am including the current Waverly City Schools Reopening Plan in this mailing. Our first concern is the education and well being of your child. We have crafted a plan that will help us to practice social distancing and slow the spread of germs. We understand that you will still have questions after this mailing. Please understand that, like you, we are working with regulations, expectations and situations that change weekly. If changes become necessary, we will notify you via further mailings, district all calls and/or the Waverly City Schools webpage at www.waverly.k12.oh.us.

Standard back to school information (supply lists, etc) will be made available as we get closer to opening day. Check the school webpage for this information. We are enclosing the paperwork regarding opting into the district all call system. Please take the time to sign up or provide updated numbers if you are not receiving district phone notifications. You may return it to our office or send by email.

In closing, we look forward to welcoming your child back to school in September. Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions. My office number is 740-947-4770.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Dickens,
Superintendent



Waverly City Schools Reopening Plan

WCS Mission Statement

Create a successful, learning environment centered around students, directed by teachers, supported by home and community.

It is our goal to reopen with the knowledge that each building's plan may be slightly different due to size of building, student population and allocated space. We will strive to meet the goals of the mission no matter how students are learning: attending every day, blended learning or remote learning. Each plan has associated risks with regards to COVID-19 exposure and academic/social emotional impact of the student.

All plans are subject to change at the Superintendent's discretion based on the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education guidelines, the State of Ohio guidelines, the Pike County health department, and community and district COVID-19 cases.

Plan A: All Students attend every day with safety precautions

Plan B: Blended/Hybrid-alternating days of attendance with safety precautions

Plan C: Remote Learning (WCS teachers providing online instruction/packets)

The District may switch from one plan to another throughout the year. If a change should occur the District will use the website (www.waverly.k12.oh.us) and the automated call system to notify students and families.

ONLINE option: Parents may choose to enroll their student in an "online" learning curriculum through the district for the 2020-2021 school year. If selected, students will need to begin at the beginning of a nine weeks and would need to complete the nine weeks before returning to school. Information on the online option is provided at the end of this document.

Waverly City Schools has a protocol in place for managing the event of a positive test for COVID-19. This information will be provided to students on the first day of school and posted on the website by September 1st.



Calendar and Schedule

- Beginning September 8th, students in **kindergarten through 5th grade** will attend school every day. (Plan A) Guidelines for social distancing can occur at the elementary and intermediate levels because of smaller class size.
- Beginning September 8th, **students in grades 6 through 12** will follow a staggered schedule (A-M and N-Z) with blended learning. (Plan B) A calendar schedule is included on the last page of the plan.
- The first day for staff will be August 31st. There will be five staff in-service days before students return on September 8th. During these in-service days, staff will be learning the new safety procedures and guidelines, discussing academic timelines from last spring, lesson planning, and rearranging classrooms to achieve a safe environment for students.
- If we are directed, Waverly City Schools will flexibly move between online and distance learning.

Technology

- Each student will be issued a Chromebook for school and home use.
- Internet will be available in school parking lots and additional hot spots will be created around the district as is possible. Information on location of lots and hot spots will be given to students.
- Chromebook carrying cases and chargers will be issued for those grade levels that will utilize chromebooks at home (6th-12th grade). Chromebooks should be charged at home to be ready for daily school use.

Classrooms

- Students will be spaced apart at desks and/or tables.
- Student supplies will not be shared and materials will be sanitized after use.
- Hand sanitizer and/or handwashing stations will be in each classroom.
- Students will have assigned seats in every classroom.

Common Areas

- Maximum occupancy signs will be posted for restrooms and will be monitored by staff.
- Elementary recesses will be staggered and students will sanitize hands upon re-entry to the building.
- Every attempt will be made to help students maintain social distancing in the hallways, cafeteria and other building areas.
- Drinking fountains will be turned off. Students will be permitted to bring water bottles to school.



Meals

- Students will eat breakfast in the classroom.
- Cafeterias will be sanitized between lunches and some grade levels may eat lunch in the classroom to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Students and staff will wash hands before and after lunches.
- The district will continue to use disposable trays, utensils, and individual condiment packets.
- Only store purchased classroom snacks will be allowed.

Health and Hygiene

- It is expected that students and staff will do daily home COVID-19 screenings and stay home if sick or have symptoms. Information on symptoms will be sent home with students and available on the website before the first day of school.
- Staff will implement an increased and rigorous sanitizing and cleaning routine.
- All staff and students will have their temperatures taken upon entering the school buildings each morning.
- If closer than 6 feet, staff must wear masks unless it interferes with the learning process. In that scenario, staff must wear a face shield.
- Students Pre-k through 3rd grade may wear masks.
- Students in grades 4 through 12 will be required to wear a mask. It is our intent to provide every student with two washable masks.
- Mobile hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the buildings.
- Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing will be scheduled.
- Students will be instructed in proper hygiene.

Transportation

- School buses will be disinfected after the morning and evening bus routes.
- Attempt to seat families together on buses and honor social distancing between other students.
- Each student will have their temperature taken upon boarding the bus and if a fever is present they will not be able to board the bus.
- All staff and students must wear a mask when utilizing bus transportation.
- Prohibit students from sitting in the front row behind the driver.
- Stagger bus loading and unloading.
- Bus passes will be limited and only issued in certain situations.



Visitors

- Parents must remain in cars for student pickup and drop-off.
- No non-essential visitors will be permitted in the building.
- All necessary visitors will be restricted to the office area and will have a temperature check before entering the office area.

Special Education

The U.S. Department of Education and Ohio Department of Education understand that schools may not be able to provide all services in the same manner they typically are provided. Waverly City Schools will continue to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) while balancing the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities during this national health emergency. It is important for school personnel and parents to work together collaboratively during this time to find ways to continue to serve and educate students with disabilities. If you have any questions regarding your child's education plan please contact the building principal or the Superintendent's office.

Students attending Pike County Career and Technology Center

Students attending the Pike CTC will begin classes on August 24th and will attend every day. From August 24th– September 4th, CTC students may drive to the CTC, be dropped off at the CTC, or may be dropped off at Waverly High School to ride a bus to the CTC. If you need bus transportation to the CTC, please be at the back parking lot by 7:45. Beginning September 8th, CTC students may ride their regular bus route daily to meet the CTC bus.

Preschool and Latchkey information will be sent to those families when available.

Online WAVE Options

- An online educational program (WAVE) can be provided for approved families who choose to not send their students to school due to COVID-19 circumstances. This platform will be Virtual Learning Academy. The teachers for this platform will not be your child's regular classroom teacher.
- Chromebooks will be provided to students choosing the WAVE option.
- If you wish to pursue the online option, you must come to the superintendent's office to register your child by August 20th. Registration for online learning will begin on Tuesday, August 4th.
- Families may change from online to on-site learning at the end of the nine week grading period. Families must notify the superintendent's office 2 weeks before the end of the grading period if they wish to change from online to on-site learning. This will help us to prepare for students re-entering school.
- Students choosing the WAVE option are still considered a Waverly student and would be eligible for extracurricular activities.

