Coventry Local School District
Reopening Plan Update

August 8, 2020

Dear Coventry Families,
Over the course of the last several months, Coventry has been working very hard to bring our students back to school this fall. However, in the last few days, new information and concerns have indicated a clear need to adjust the Reopening Plan. As such, I wanted to inform you of these changes, as soon as possible, so your family can plan accordingly.

Due to evolving and extenuating circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been determined that the safest approach for our students and staff to begin the 20-21 school-year will be through a hybrid schedule.

**Revisions:**

- Students in **grades 3-12** will begin the year in a **remote learning setting**.
- Students in **grades K-2**, along with our **multiple-disabilities classrooms**, will return to **in-person learning**.
- In addition, opening day has been pushed back until **Tuesday, September 1, 2020**.

**Staggered Schedule:**

Coventry students will still have the opportunity to participate in a staggered schedule for the first week of school. This means that each building will bring back a different grade-level, for one day, from Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Friday, Sept. 4, 2020. The purpose of the staggered schedule is to provide the students with the opportunity to meet their teachers, receive their schedules, and Chromebooks. In addition, students will be introduced to the guidelines and expectations of the remote learning plan program.

By limiting the number of students that are in the building, we will be able to ensure safety standards are maintained throughout the day, while providing the student with important information and resources.

**Staggered Start for All Students:**

- Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Grades 4, 8, and 12 return, for the day
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – Grades 3, 7, and 11 return, for the day
- Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Grades 6 and 10 return, for the day
- Friday, September 4, 2020 – Grades 5 and 9 return, for the day
- Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Grades K-2 and the Multiple-disabilities Classrooms Return
Remote Learning Plan vs. Home Learning from the Spring:
The district’s remote learning plan is very different than how we approached last spring’s home learning program. The district has been able to collect and procure enough Chromebooks for all students in grades 3-12 to use while in the remote learning setting. The plan is for the students to receive their Chromebook during that first week of school. In addition, teachers will be utilizing Google Classroom, as a common platform for instruction. Through this program, and others, teachers will be able to provide students with authentic and meaningful learning during this remote learning time period.

Coventry Virtual Academy:
The Coventry Virtual Academy’s first day of school will also be Tuesday, September 1, 2020. CVA students in grades 3-12 will also receive a Chromebook. The district is working hard to provide Chromebooks or devices for K-2 students in the virtual program as well. However, this is not a guarantee at this time.

In Closing:
Please know that I understand this is a drastic change from our original Return to Learn plan. We had truly hoped to implement a full return to school this fall. In addition, I completely respect the fact that everyone has their own opinion regarding the pandemic and surrounding factors. As the superintendent, my focus must be on the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff – first and foremost.

For more information regarding the Reopening Plan revisions, please visit the district’s Return to Learn webpage at https://www.coventryschools.org/ReturntoLearn.aspx.

Thank you for time and for your support.

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