



CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BACK TO SCHOOL WORKGROUP

As I mentioned last week, we have formed a "Back to School Workgroup" with representatives including parents, teachers, Board of Education members, support staff and administrators. While our deep hope is that school will resume in the fall operating just as it had operated prior to the extended closure, we need to be prepared for any and all possibilities as the pandemic continues to unfold.

This committee is responsible for putting together a plan for how our students and staff will safely return to Cuyahoga Heights Schools in the 2020/2021 school year. As a reminder, Middle/High School classes resume Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Elementary School classes resume Thursday, August 20.

Committee members will be focusing their efforts into the following areas:

- (1) Health and Safety Related Logistical Considerations
- (2) Educational Considerations
- (3) Social Emotional Health Considerations, and
- (4) Operational Considerations

The plan they create must first be approved by the Cuyahoga Heights Schools Board of Education and then submitted to the Ohio Department of Education.

In addition to the above planning, all school districts must submit a plan to the Ohio Department of Education for online learning should schools be forced to facilitate remote learning again.

We realize that some parents will not want their students to return to

school in the fall, especially as COVID cases continue to rise. Please know that considerations for alternative instruction will be included in any "Return to School" plan we create to accommodate these concerns.

As we look to the return to school in August, it is important to note that we, along with all Ohio school districts, are still awaiting guidelines and recommendations from Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Education which may alter any plans we create. And while the Governor continues to emphasize the importance of "local control" for the reopening of school, we will still be held to these as-yet-unreleased mandates from the Governor, ODH and ODE.

This planning cannot be done in isolation. We need your input and feedback on how remote learning went in your home this spring, and what concerns you have, if any, about your student returning to school in the fall.

I am asking ALL PARENTS to take our survey by the end of day, WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st through the link below.....

CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE BACK TO SCHOOL SURVEY

CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION FOR JULY 19 | We are still planning for an on-site graduation to be held the morning of Sunday, July 19, 2020.

In a previous *Tom Talks* I presented what we are planning for our students and their families on that day. In a future *Tom Talks* I'll be sharing a more detailed timeline for the day's events so that families can begin to prepare.

In the meantime, we continue to feature our seniors on the new sign in front of the media center. Please feel free to come by and take pictures with your family and friends as your senior's images scrolls across the screen!

Until next time, please know that we will continue to keep you updated through *Tom Talks* and our all-call system.

Go Heights!!!

Tom

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