



MOUNT CLEMENS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Mount Clemens Parents/Guardians,

With the start of the school year rapidly approaching, we continue to plan for the return to learning for our students and staff. This year we have unique challenges that face us as we approach the beginning of the school year. Our team used Governor Whitmer's Return to Learn Planning document in developing our plan. We met as teachers, administrators, and staff. Parents were also involved either through a zoom meeting or a phone call.

Our guiding principles in creating a Return to Learn Plan for students and staff are as follows:

1. Our vulnerable population: This includes our special education students, our POHI students and students with 504 plans. Our homeless students and foster children in our schools are also very important
2. Literacy and Math Learning: Math and reading skills are vital to the future success of our students
3. Transitions: transitions from Prek to K, beginning 6th and 9th graders. Our students new to our MS and HS need to know who their teachers are and what expectations are regarding academics and behavior. Our new kindergarten students and their teachers need to make the connections necessary for a successful kindergarten year and school experience.
4. Our 9th graders: These students are beginning the most important year of HS. Studies have shown that students who fall behind in credits have a lesser chance of graduating on time than their peers.
5. The most important responsibility of the Board of Education is the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Based on the current information we have regarding COVID-19 cases in Macomb County, last night, August 19, 2020, our Board of Education decided on the following:

Beginning September 8 and continuing through October 2, 2020, all students in Mount Clemens Community Schools will be learning remotely. Your child's teacher or teachers will be reaching out to you and your child(ren) in the next few weeks. Just a reminder school begins on September 8, and we are excited to bring another year of learning to our families.

Remote learning will allow students to begin the year working on-line with their classroom teacher. Our teachers have established the content necessary to be taught at each grade level and in each course. We are creating schedules that will be consistent with learning for each student. Over the next few



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weeks, we will continue to evaluate health and safety factors and begin to plan our transition to in-person learning with gradual and deliberate return for small groups of students.

Please know that Mount Clemens Community Schools is committed to bringing back our students to face-to-face learning as soon as possible. We appreciate your trust and support during this time of great change. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

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