

State of West Virginia\_  
County of Nicholas to wit:

The Nicholas County Board of Education of the County of Nicholas, West Virginia met in an emergency session on Friday, January 15, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting, public health and safety and school re-entry plan on January 21, 2021. The meeting will be held electronically via TEAMS.

### **Educating and Preparing Students for Success After High School**

Present for the meeting were:

Dr. Gus Penix, President  
Mr. Fred Amick, Vice-President  
Mr. Phil Berry, Member  
Mrs. Elizabeth Coffman, Member  
Mr. Roy Moose, Member

Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick, Superintendent

1. Call to Order:  
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dr. Gus Penix.
2. Moment of Silent Reflection
3. Action Items:
  - a. Discussion on Public Health & Safety
    - WVDE met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021
    - Local control was removed from the County level
    - Question was asked if the State Board has the right to overturn local board decisions. The WVDE stated the 2017 ruling with NCBOE.
    - Counties will no longer base the distance learning on the color of the map
  - b. School Re-entry plan for January 21, 2021

### **Nicholas County Schools Reentry Plan 2021**

The Nicholas County Board of Education values in-person learning for all students while ensuring the safety of staff, students, parents, and the community. The Nicholas County Board of Education must set the 2021 reentry plan in accordance with a directive from the West Virginia Board of Education and collaboration with the Nicholas County Health Department.




Beginning Thursday, January 21, Nicholas County Schools will operate based on the color-coded **WVDHHR County Alert Map** posted each Saturday at 10 a.m. Any necessary changes in

the instruction plan will be implemented the following Monday. However, if the county moves to RED, high school students transition to Plan C the following day.

**FULLTIME DISTANT AND VIRTUAL STUDENTS** will continue to do assignments and will not participate in Plans A, B or C.

**PRE-K STUDENTS** will remain on the **A & B** schedule.


**Staff and students at all grade levels will wear face coverings.**

**PLAN A** will be implemented the following Monday if the **WVDHHR Alert Map** indicates Nicholas County is  **GREEN**,  **YELLOW**, or  **GOLD on Saturday at 10 a.m.**

- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS** attend four days a week with distance learning on Wednesdays.
- **MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** attend at 50% capacity (2 days in-person with 3 days' distance learning), students will report in groups **A & B** for in-person instruction.
- Students will be in the same **A & B** group designations as established at the beginning of the school year.

**PLAN B – ALL SCHOOLS at 50% CAPACITY** will be implemented the following Monday if the **WVDHHR Alert Map** indicates Nicholas County is  **ORANGE on Saturday at 10 a.m.**

- Students attend on a Group **A & B** schedule as assigned by each school (2 days in-person with 3 days' distance learning).

**PLAN C** will be in place the day after turning  **RED** on the **WVDHHR Alert Map**.

- **ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** attend at 50% capacity (2 days in-person with 3 days' distance learning), students will report in groups **A & B** for in-person instruction.
- **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** transition to fully remote learning the day after turning RED on the map and will remain remote until the next Saturday's **WVDHHR Alert Map** for Nicholas County.

This reentry model for blended instruction is being presented in collaboration with the Nicholas County Health Department. This plan will be evaluated biweekly as to health and safety of staff and students, until those Nicholas County Board of Education employees desiring the vaccination have opportunity to receive both sets of the vaccination against COVID-19. It is the intent of the Nicholas County Board of Education to have students in schools four (4) days per week by no later than March 1, 2021. The plan will be assessed biweekly in the interim.

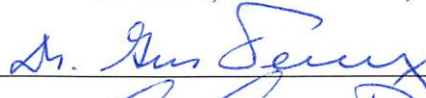
Upon motion by Mrs. Libby Coffman, seconded by Mr. Phil Berry, along with board members Amick and Penix the reentry plan was approved. Voting against the plan, Moose.

4. Adjournment:

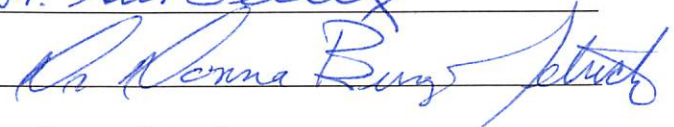
Upon motion by, Mr. Fred Amick, second by Mr. Roy Moose, the Board unanimously consented to adjourn this emergency meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education. The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be a special meeting (rescheduled from Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>) which will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct routine business. The meeting will be held at the Nicholas County Board of Education Office, 400 Old Main Drive, Summersville, WV 26651

Dr. Gus Penix, President NCBOE



Dr. Donna Burge-Tetrick, Superintendent



Kim Belletto, Recording Secretary Nicholas County Schools