

Geneva Area City Schools

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Dear Geneva Families:

I would first like to say THANK YOU for your time, effort and support during the school closure. This was a difficult time for everyone and certainly was unexpected. It was a strange end to the school year and as a district, we appreciate your help.

Although some areas have opened up and restrictions have been lifted, there is still some uncertainty in how schools will reopen in the fall. We still plan to open school on Monday, August 31, 2020 for all students in 1st through 12th grade. Kindergarten students will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. There are many changes that can happen between now and then but we have three plans that we are working on. The plans are listed below and provide the guidelines for what school may look like in the fall.

Please note: **The plans listed below are strictly “draft” plans** that are being formulated. No definitive decision has been made at this time as we will continue to monitor the situation and plan accordingly. In addition, **there may be a need for a combination of the plans below if short term or long term closures are necessary.**

1. Traditional school opening for all students K-12. There may be some limitations or changes for specific areas in the school buildings (no large classes or assemblies, alternative lunch seating,...). Staff and students will be trained and safety procedures will be reinforced. We may limit movement in the hallways areas during any type of class change or transition. But overall, school will operate in a fairly normal fashion. There may be some limitations in transportation and procedures for arrival and dismissal during the school day.
2. An alternative (or hybrid) school schedule which would include smaller groups of students that would attend on specific days and times. Students not attending would work from home on their non-school attendance days. This may be the most difficult plan to accomplish but it would limit the number of students in a building and provide in person instructional time on a limited basis. There would be strict safety guidelines and limitations in the classroom (physical spacing for students, limited movement during the day and adjustments for any large areas such as the lunch room, gym, ...). This plan would allow for both online education and paper assignment to be presented since students will have weekly time with their teacher(s).

Board of Education

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(440) 466-4831, Ext. 1154

High School

1301 South Ridge East
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 4001

Middle School

839 Sherman Street
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 2001

Austinburg Elementary

3030 Route 307 - Austinburg
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 6001

Cork Elementary

341 State Route 534
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 5001

Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary

755 Austin Rd.
(440) 466-4831, Ext. 3001

3. An online education option as the daily school schedule. At the May 2020 Board Meeting, the board approved a recommendation to purchase additional Chromebooks so we could provide all students with access to their own technology if this plan was necessary. As a district, we have learned a great deal over the last few months about online education. We have looked at creating a defined learning schedule for all students with specific subject areas or instruction periods provided on certain days or times. We reviewed numerous online tools and ways that we communicate so we can use the most effective tools if we need to use this option.

With all of these plans, we want to make sure students, staff and families feel safe in the district buildings. To do that, we will need to have clear safety procedures and limitations for individuals coming into the school buildings. We will do our best to accommodate the needs of our students and families but specific guidelines will be in place based on the most updated information that we have at that time. More information about our safety protocol and procedures will be shared in August before the year begins.

We hope that school, our activities and our community will return to a more normal schedule in the fall. We are preparing for a variety of options and we will continue to provide updates over the summer months. Please check the district's website for more details beginning in July.

Enjoy the summer...be safe...stay healthy and remain positive!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric M. Kujala".

Eric M. Kujala
Superintendent