



Shawnee Community:

I would like to give you an update on our plan to start the 2020-21 school year. Last Thursday, Governor DeWine provided us with some direction as we move forward. Today I met with our administrative team to begin formal planning to open school in August. While conversations have been held, our full plan is not yet complete. We will meet with our unions and administrative team to finalize details in the coming weeks. I feel it is important at this time, though, to share some information with you.

- We plan to start the 2020-21 school year with in person instruction five days a week. That said, we may need to adjust our starting timeline in order to allow for additional staff training.
- There will be no open house this year.
- We plan to have traditional bus routes.
- We will not require students to wear face masks, but they are **strongly** encouraged.
- Staff will be required to wear face masks or face shields when they are in direct contact with students.
- We plan to follow OHSAA guidelines for the upcoming sports year.
- Appropriate safety measures will be in place. We plan to use our CARES money to facilitate these costs.
- We will promote good hygiene, handwashing and the appropriate use of hand sanitizer.
- There will be additional options for those who are not comfortable sending their student(s) to school at this time.

I anticipate being able to provide you with a more detailed plan within the first week of August. A survey will be available to parents by the end of the next week. We ask that you complete the survey to help us with planning.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Kanable". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James Kanable, Superintendent