

CARMI-WHITE COUNTY



COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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Dear C-WC #5 Students, Parents, Staff, and Community:

The Carmi-White County CUSD #5 Board of Education approved the district's 2020-2021 Return to School Plan at the July 20th board meeting. This plan is based on the current guidelines from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The adopted plan is intended to be a guide as we move forward. We anticipate changes to the plan as guidance is subject to change. As more specific details are added, they will be shared with students, parents, and staff. We also realize that some requirements could change or be modified, which will affect the plan. We are all in this together and share a common goal of returning to school and keeping students and staff healthy while providing educational opportunities. **A copy of the C-WC #5 Return to School Plan can be found on the district website at [carmischools.org](http://carmischools.org), the district mobile app, or any of the schools' websites or Facebook pages. It is important that you read this document.**

The C-WC #5 Return to School Plan allows parents to make a choice regarding the education of their student(s). Within the following week, parents will be asked to complete a district form indicating their choice between face-to-face or remote instruction for each student. We are asking parents to commit to this decision for a nine-week period. We recognize that this is a difficult decision; therefore, parents will have until September 4, 2020 to change their mind. In order to give parents a choice in the instructional delivery, starting times and dismissal times at each building will have to be slightly altered. It is anticipated that dismissal times for grades K-5 will be between 2:40-3:00, and dismissal times for grades 6-12 could be between 2:20-2:35. Final dismissal times will be established once the parent surveys are completed.

To give staff time to finalize instructional plans for both face-to-face and remote instruction, the first day of student attendance will be on Thursday, August 20th (instead of the 17th that was originally on the school calendar). We appreciate your flexibility, collaboration, cooperation, and understanding as we work to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff. We look forward to partnering with you as we educate the students of our community.

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Superintendent