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Dear Parents,

I know that all of you have been patiently waiting to see what school will look like in the fall in the Oakwood School District. We want you to know that student and staff safety has been the guiding force in every decision made. It has been a very productive summer planning and training for all scenarios that may come our way in the fall. As you know, it is an ever changing process. With that being said, we would like to give you all of the scenarios of how school will look and give you the option of registering for in-person instruction (All-In model OR Hybrid model) OR Remote Learning. Or if you choose to Homeschool your child/children, you have the option of registering at the Regional Office of Education and then letting the school know of your decision. A form has been added to the online registration packet asking you to specify whether you will be attending In-Person OR Remote. It will also be asking if you plan to use school transportation (riding the bus).

Our Task Force Team is meeting regularly adjusting the plan to meet all new guidelines and recommendations. As new information arises, we will continue to revise our plan. In the meantime, the information presented below is up to date. Registration numbers will help us firm up a plan and get that to you with specific details of how that plan will work.

## **REGISTRATION**

When you register your child or children in August, you will be giving us information that will help determine what type of instruction we will be offering for our first day back in school. When you are registering, you are choosing Remote Learning OR In-Person Learning (All In OR Hybrid Model). Below is an explanation of each.

If you choose to register after **August 12**, you will automatically be signed up for Remote Learning.

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

Remote Learning will look a lot different than it did in the spring. Expectations will include being "in class" while at home while students are present in the classroom. In the Recommendations for Learning Guidelines that came out last Thursday, synchronous learning must take place for half of Remote Learning. In other words, students should be learning at the same time for half the time and working independently for the other half of the 5 hour work day. For example, if your child has Algebra I at 10:10 AM everyday, the expectation is that Remote Learning Students are available for discussions/meetings/activities online at that time as well. The State would like to make Remote Learning more interactive than it was in the Spring. Other expectations will include daily attendance, turning in assignments, and having the same expectations as if they were in the actual classroom.

Once you register for Remote Learning, you will stick with that curriculum for the entire semester. You may not switch to in-person instruction (All-In or Hybrid) because those numbers will need to stay consistent all semester to keep everyone safe.

If the State mandates school closures, COVID-19 hot spots arise in the area, or Oakwood School District feels it cannot begin or continue In-Person Instruction safely, all students will become Remote Learners.

## **IN-PERSON LEARNING (ALL-IN or HYBRID)**

Registration numbers will determine which In-Person method we will be able to start the school year.

If you choose in-person instruction at registration and change your mind once you know the In-Person Learning type, you may switch to Remote Learning **on or before August 17**. If a situation arises once school begins (health problems, family problems, transportation problems, etc.), and you need to transfer from In-Person instruction to Remote Learning, please see your building administrator for guidance.

### **ALL-IN**

If Oakwood has less than half of students register for in-person learning, and we will be able to bring students in safely; schools will be able to conduct a regular schedule with students attending every day.

### **HYBRID**

If Oakwood has over half of its students register for in-person instruction, we will need to divide the students in half and attend school in an A/B model. The less students in the building at one time, the more distance we can create between students in the classroom, cafeteria, hallways, etc. Once registration is completed, administration will work on dividing the students based on scheduling. Oakwood will work hard to get families on the same schedule.

### **HOMESCHOOLING**

If you choose to Homeschool your child, you will need to register with the Regional Office of Education. We also ask that you please call the school's office and let them know you will not be attending Oakwood School District in the fall.

We are also looking at other options for students that are not affiliated with the school district. Students would be responsible for the cost of these programs but would still receive credit for classes in the school district. Oakwood is currently working with the Regional Office of Education to get more details.

### **REGISTRATION – Transportation (Busing)**

We encourage all parents to consider using other transportation. The State Guidelines allow 50 students to a bus, and the 6 feet social distancing CANNOT be followed with that many people on the bus. In order to have a 5 hour, in-person learning day; buses must run only one route in the morning and one in the afternoon. OHS will be waiving the parking tag fee for 2020-2021 to encourage students to drive to school.

If you do NOT sign up for bus transportation during registration, your child or children may not ride the bus for the remainder of the semester.

**It is important to get firm numbers that will not change during the semester in order to keep classroom numbers low and bus schedules consistent for the entire school year.**

**Yours in Education,  
Larry D. Maynard, Superintendent of Schools**

**WHAT DO THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEARNING LOOK LIKE AND WHAT DETERMINES EACH.**

ILLINOIS PHASE	RESTRICTIONS	TYPE	STUDENT VIEW
1,2,3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Closure</li> </ul>	<p><b>Remote</b></p>	<p><b>REMOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Schedule</li> <li>5 Hours/Day – Monday - Friday</li> <li>(synchronous learning for 2.5 of the 5 hours daily)</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited staff returning for in-person instruction</li> <li>Unable to meet safety or learning guidelines</li> <li>Bussing limitations</li> <li>Local outbreak of COVID-19</li> </ul>	<p><b>Remote</b></p>	<p><b>REMOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Schedule</li> <li>5 Hours/Day – Everyday</li> <li>(synchronous learning for 2.5 of the 5 hours)</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>50% or less</b> of students register for in-person instruction</li> </ul>	<p><b>OPTION</b></p> <p><b>All In OR Remote</b></p>	<p><b>ALL IN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students who registered for in-person instruction will attend school 5 days a week.</li> <li>Teachers will provide students with Remote Learning Skills to prepare for Remote Learning if necessary.</li> <li>1:40 Dismissal Day</li> </ul> <p><b>REMOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Schedule</li> <li>5 Hours/Day (Monday – Friday)</li> <li>(synchronous learning for 2.5 of the 5 hours)</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Over 50%</b> of students register for in-person</li> </ul>	<p><b>OPTION</b></p> <p><b>Hybrid OR Remote</b></p>	<p><b>HYBRID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will be divided in half so less students are in the building daily (Group A &amp; B)</li> <li>The district will try and keep all families on the same learning days.</li> <li>2 days of student attendance for Group A and 2 days of attendance for Group B.</li> <li>1 Day of Remote Learning for everyone</li> <li>1:40 Dismissal Day for the 4 learning days</li> <li>Work Week - 50% synchronous learning and 50% independent work</li> </ul> <p><b>REMOTE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Schedule</li> <li>5 Hours/Day (Monday – Friday)</li> <li>(synchronous learning for 2.5 of the 5 hours)</li> </ul>