



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 Update Communication

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Good evening East Palestine families. This is Mr. Neifer, EP Superintendent.

As promised, it is the end of July, and we are ready to begin rolling out our plan to restart the education of our students in the East Palestine City School District. We have created protocols with the safety of our students, families, staff and community in mind. During this planning process, we have been utilizing the mandates, recommendations and guidelines from The Columbiana County Health Department, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Governor DeWine's office, The American Academy of Pediatrics, The Ohio Department of Education, and stakeholder survey results. These resources have provided valuable guidance during this planning process and have allowed us to stay focused on the health and educational needs of our students, staff, and community.

Our plan for the beginning of school provides families with 2 options. Option #1 will allow each family to send students back to the building, full time face to face in the fall or, Option #2 will allow students to stay at home and enroll into the Bulldog Virtual Learning Academy. We understand that each student is unique and each student will have different needs and situations. These 2 options provide an opportunity for all students to maintain their Pride and participation as a Bulldog. It is important to understand that these plans are all subject to change based upon the progression of the Covid-19 disease.

Tomorrow 2 documents will be posted on the district social media platforms. The first document is a letter that provides more detailed information about the 2 options available for families this fall. This letter also contains a link and QR code to an enrollment form that needs to be completed for each student to let the district know what option you have chosen. The deadline to fill out this form is Monday, August 10th. This letter will also be mailed out to district families. The second document is a 1-page summary of the district's complete plan for the year. The complete 16-page district plan will be released next Tuesday after the District's Board of Education meeting. We will continue to update district families as additional information is available or situations change. Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always GO BULLDOGS!!!

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