

Parchment Family,

As we continue to inch closer to the start of school on August 31<sup>st</sup>, we want to inform you that we continue to work through multiple plans for every phase of the Governor's Return to Learning Roadmap. We have been working diligently on our plans since May with a priority of health and safety for students, staff and families. I am proud of the collaborative effort of our amazing staff, community feedback and the Kalamazoo County Health Department to get us to this point.

We are currently in Phase 4, and we hope that we continue to be in Phase 4 or above as we return to school in the coming months. Again, we all need to do our part to keep the numbers low! As a return to phase 3 would not allow for in person instruction.

The main purpose of this communication is to inform you of our Return to Learning Plan that we will be presenting to the board of education for review on Monday. I.e-what will school look like?

The Parchment School District will be utilizing a **Hybrid** learning model- K-12- to begin the school year.

What is a Hybrid Model?

- Students will be divided into two groups. Each group will attend in-person classes two days a week and will do at home, remote learning three days a week.
- Students will come to school in the following manner:
  - Group A- Monday and Tuesday in-person learning
  - Group B- Thursday and Friday in-person learning
  - Wednesday- remote learning for all and deep clean in buildings.

The groups will be set primarily by alphabetical order and released ASAP to help prepare schedules. (Many more details and procedures to come on this with our detailed plan) All families/students in the same household will be in the same group.

Our survey results also indicated a strong desire for a 100% online instructional option because of health concerns or a level of discomfort sending children back to school. This option is available through the Kalamazoo Virtual and Innovative Collaborative. This is a county-wide program where children can remain Parchment students while receiving their education completely virtually. More information on this program will be forthcoming.

Understandably, there will be a lot of questions about this plan. **We will be releasing our plan details and specifics on Tuesday evening. We will also be hosting a virtual town hall next week to thoroughly go over plan details.** We simply wanted to give you some insight into what the fall may look like in the Parchment School District to help you plan.

This school year will undoubtedly look different and all plans are subject to change as we move through phases of the Governor's plan. However, we will be ready to serve in any phase and the mission of the Parchment School District remains unwavering in any setting: *Connect, Challenge and Inspire Every Child to Reach Their Full Potential*. We look forward to a great school year helping students grow socially, emotionally and academically.

Respectfully,

Jason Misner, Superintendent