



**CROSWELL-LEXINGTON  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

8/19/2020

Dear Cros-Lex Families:

I begin this message with absolute enthusiasm and with genuine anticipation to welcome back our students, both traditional and 100% virtual, with a warm and friendly atmosphere in the coming days!

Our Cros-Lex employees have worked tirelessly over the summer to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Even though there still are some final pieces to this complex puzzle of preparing for this fast approaching school year to finish, we are closing in on the final phases to welcome back our students and staff to a safe and high performing learning environment. I personally can't wait to see our students again, and I know that is also true with all of our dedicated district employees!

Since the March 2020 mandated shutdown, and up until the writing of this letter, our district administration, professional staff, local health officials, and board members have collaborated extensively to make every effort to ensure our learning environment for students returning to face-to-face in person learning is as safe as possible for everyone. Our professional staff members are also gearing up to facilitate and support all of our students and their families who have chosen the 100% virtual learning option.

Staff and student safety remains at the top of the priority list and is being taken very seriously. All aspects of the district's safety protocols plan are consistent with the Governor's Return to School Road Map Plan. All of our personal protection equipment (PPE) purchases have been arriving and are being placed in our schools according to the District Return to School Roadmap plan. The Cros-Lex District has been and will continue to follow the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services as well as our local Sanilac County Health Department's guidance, during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, there are some important updates to share with our parents and community. First, to ensure all of our employees are as fully prepared as possible when we welcome back our face-to-face scheduled in person students safely, the Cros-Lex Board of Education has approved the district/school leadership and teachers' union request **to move the student first day of school from September 1st to September 8th**. Also, our district / school administration and the teachers' union leadership have requested the first two days of face-to-face learning to bring ½ of the students in our buildings on September 8th and on September 9th. To accomplish this, on September 8th, only students with the last names beginning with letters A-L will be in class all day. On September 9th, only students

with the last names beginning with letters M-Z will attend all day classes. On Thursday, September 10th, all scheduled face-to-face registered students will return to school together. These two additional days will assist our staff in ensuring we have as successful and as smooth of a start to the “new” school year as possible.

Another important update that will significantly impact the beginning of the school year will be scheduled road closures. As a result of scheduled road construction, traffic flow in Croswell will look much different beginning in September and throughout much of the month of October. With the expansion project undertaken by Michigan Sugar, anticipate road closures to be forthcoming on both Peck Rd. and Croswell Rds.

Starting September 8th, M-90 will be fully-closed for through traffic beginning at the west driveway of the high school through the intersection of Croswell Road and extending towards Howard St near McDonalds. We are told the road closure is to last two weeks for the widening of the railroad crossing. After the estimated two week closure, M-90 will open back up to one lane traffic which will be regulated by a temporary traffic signal as it is presently.

As part of the Michigan Sugar expansion project, we anticipate Croswell Rd. to be closed at a future date. As the District finds out more details about the road closure and impact on the school district, information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Student drop off and student parking for the high school will still be accessible through the driveway located off of Croswell Rd. during the road construction process. Busses will still be transporting students to and from our schools. Without question, this will be an inconvenience for everyone traveling through town, but with proper planning and patience, we can navigate safely to and from our destinations.

Each of our building principals will be providing updated information to you and your student in the coming days and please continue to monitor our District website at [www.croslex.org](http://www.croslex.org) for more updated information.

Thank you, and Go Pioneers!

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Superintendent