Morgan County Health Department

School districts throughout West Central Illinois are facing numerous challenges. From Quincy to Waverly and from Brown County to Calhoun there are stark differences and remarkable similarities. One district has lost all of its drivers due to COVID and is using drivers from other districts. They start school two-hours late. Others have had positive cases in class. That has caused individual classes to be sent home and quarantined. We monitor COVID in our area every day. In the event that we have cases, or a complication created by COVID, the Morgan County Health Department will be our resource and the agency that we have to report to in all situations. The health department will give the directives that we will have to follow.

The First Week

We have had an exceptional first week. There have been challenges and bumps in the road, adjustments have been made and we have moved forward. Our students have been amazing and grow with the change every day. This is a credit to our parents who have worked so hard and provided incredible support to all of us. The district is blessed to have a remarkably talented and dedicated teaching staff. They have countless hours in research, planning and development of two sets of lessons. One set for Face-to-Face instruction and one for Remote instruction. We are functioning very well in both worlds. Speaking on behalf of the staff, we want to say thank you to the parents and to the community for your help and patience as we progress in our daily routines and practices.

August 31st – September 4th
This week will be another four day, Face-to-Face attendance week. Friday will be a remote planning day. This is a student non-attendance day. It is a day for staff to look at adjustments that need to be made in the remote learning process. On this day we also want to reach out to parents to get input on student needs, what is working well and what we need to improve upon.

September 8th – September 11th will be four days of Face-to-Face learning. Friday will be another Remote Learning day for students.

This plan will be subject to change based upon the conditions that the school district faces. Any changes will be communicated.

The first day of school our KIOSK scanning took until 8:15. On Thursday all students had completed the scanning by 8:03. Each day it gets faster and easier. Our students are doing an excellent job.
Parent Certification of Students

Each day we pull the daily record of parent certification of their students. The majority of parents are completing the certification. It is essential that everyone complete the certification daily. To not complete the survey puts students, staff and bus drivers at risk. We will pull the record again this week and reach out to those who are not certifying students.

Parent Survey

The date of the first parent survey will be September 4th. We have been developing this instrument since the first day of attendance. We will compile the results over the weekend and use the information to guide all parts of our day.

Breakfast and Lunch

Our Cafeteria Staff works exceptionally hard. Each day, they review numbers of meals needed and prepare extra meals. We have been short meals on two instances. We are working on this and apologize for any shortfalls. As with anything new there are adjustments. We transport meals to every classroom and to East Grade. We will be making adjustments this week to better serve students and staff. Meals went home on Thursday with those who qualified, please give us feedback on the Friday parent Survey on how it went for your family.

Transportation

Our drivers have been doing a great job with their routes. We have several new students, which impacts every part of a drivers route. The heat has been a challenge this week. Both students and drivers have handled this well. This week it is to be in the 80’s, so it will be better for everyone.

Elementary Facebook Pages

If you are not yet connected to your child's classroom Facebook page please reach out to your teacher for assistance. The elementary teachers have created these pages for us to provide live instruction during remote learning. Ms. Burt has also created an elementary page called “Physical Education with Ms. Burt”, it is fun to see what they are doing in PE.