



# 2020-2021 School Year Planning

Lanesboro Public Schools

# What We Know

The guidance we have received to this point requires us to be ready to move between in-person instruction and distance learning options

At this point Fillmore County has a low 14-day average case count, but that can change at any time and we need to be prepared

Many parents hope to have their children back in school if possible

Staff prefer in-person instruction over distance learning if possible

We must have as our primary goal the health and safety of our students, staff, and the Lanesboro community

# The Elementary Plan

- All Elementary students will attend each day and will be assigned to classrooms at 50% occupancy or less
- For most rooms that means students will spend their days with around 15 of their classmates
- Movement throughout the building will be limited, however, we will be using outdoor spaces as much as possible
- Breakfast, snack, and lunch will be brought to their classrooms
- Using both teachers and paraprofessionals, one adult will be assigned to each room, while ensuring all students have access to their grade level teacher equitably throughout the week

# The Elementary Plan

- Families that choose to have their students learn from home will work with licensed teachers to ensure continuity of instruction
- Communication will be key to the success of our students learning from home
- Teachers will record and post their instruction to Google Classroom for families to access from home
- All of our students in grades K-2 will have access to a school issued iPad
- All students in grades 3-6 will have access to a school issued Chromebook

# The MS/HS Plan

- Grades will be separated to ensure 50% occupancy in each classroom
- We will have a 4-period, alternating week schedule with 80 minute class periods
- Students will have 4 classes week one and 4 different classes week two
- In order to accommodate our 11th and 12th graders' schedules, we will have online/distance/independent study options that are taught by our staff that students will be able to choose from if they do not wish to take the course being delivered in their classroom
- Movement throughout the building will be limited
- We will use outdoor spaces as much as possible
- Breakfast/Lunch will be brought to the classroom

# The MS/HS Plan

- Students that choose to learn from home this year will follow along with their grade level cohort
- Teachers will record and post their lessons to their Google Classroom page for students to access from home
- Students at home will have the same online/distance/independent study options as their classmates that are at school
- Communication will be key to the success of our students learning from home
- All of our students in grades 7-12 have a school issued Chromebook

# Health & Safety

- 50% Occupancy on Transportation Vehicles
  - Will change how many students we can transport at one time
  - Will lengthen arrival and departure times
  - Hopeful that some families will be able to transport their students to/from school
- Focus on hand-washing, sanitizing, and cleaning the facility
- If a student or staff member feels sick, they should stay home
- Limiting the number of people students and staff have contact with indoors each day is important
- Limit activities that would have large groups indoors such as music & PE
- Using outdoor spaces as much as possible

# If We Are Required to Move to Distance Learning...

- In-Person instruction options are based on the Fillmore County daily case rate of the virus
- Our current plan is built to allow for in-person instruction through Level 4 of the State's health guidelines
- Notification will come from the school office if we are required to transition to distance learning
- If Fillmore County has a spike in cases, all students will transition to a distance model
- Both the Elementary and MS/HS schedules would alter to fit the needs of our students and families



# 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

- There is a new 2020-2021 Academic Calendar that you can reference that is attached to the email you received.
- First semester will run from September 8 to December 23
- Second semester will run from February 15 to June 7
- January 4 to February 13 will be the Lanesboro Learning Academy
  - Students will be identified by staff that need extra, in-person instruction and would be assigned to one 3-week learning round
  - We would keep class sizes small so there is sufficient time for individual instruction
  - High School students whose class schedules do not allow for a specific hands-on course would be able to register for a 3-week short course in Ag, Industrial Arts, or Art
  - All students that do not participate in the in-person Learning Academy would have a distance enrichment plan for them to complete during the 6 weeks
  - Elementary families will have access to child care each day during the 6 weeks if needed
  - This plan allows us to avoid a few big issues such as snow days and flu season

# Thank You!

- We want to keep the health and safety of all of our students, families, and staff at the forefront of decisions we are making.
- The plans we've developed will hopefully allow us to meet the needs of all of our students, whether in-person or through distance learning.
- If you are planning on having your student stay home this year, please make sure to contact us. We have a solid plan for distance learning at every level and will guide students/parents to a successful year.
- If you would be willing to transport your child(ren) to and from school each day, please make sure to contact us. Transportation will definitely be a limiting factor for us this year.
- Once schedules/classes have been finalized there will be further information distributed to all families.

# Who to contact if you have Questions?

If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact one of us below:

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