



December 2, 2020

Dear Chardon Schools Parents/Guardians,

The safety and security of our students and staff are our highest priorities. This letter is to inform you of the District's plan to move to the **Remote Learning Model beginning on Monday, December 7 and continuing through Monday, January 4**. For the rest of this week, school will remain in session to allow your children to bring home personal belongings, technology, textbooks, and materials and to review procedures with teachers and administrators to prepare for the transition to remote learning.

The decision to transition to remote learning has been made to maintain the high level of academic instruction that is our expectation and tradition in Chardon Schools. While our positive COVID-19 cases are generally being traced to exposures outside of school, we have seen an increase in cases and quarantines with our students and staff. As these numbers continue to grow, effective building operations have been stretched to the limit. Unfortunately, substitute staffing numbers in all job positions are extremely low, and at this time we are no longer certain we can effectively and consistently maintain in-person instruction across the district.

Geauga County Health Commissioner noted, "I am writing in my capacity as Geauga County's Health Commissioner to express my full support of your decision to temporarily move your district to a full remote learning model. I know this is a difficult decision to make given the weighty consequences in both directions. Public health professionals recognize and value the many benefits to students of learning in a structured congregate setting with in-person professional educators to provide instruction and support in so many ways. Well educated youth are far more likely to lead healthy lives."

In order to provide continuity for our families and staff, we plan to stay in the remote learning educational model through January 4, 2021, and will assess the return to in-person learning tentatively planned for January 5, 2021. (Winter Break will continue as scheduled from December 21st through January 4th). Working with local health officials, we will continually assess our ability to return to in-person learning and communicate plans to families as soon as information becomes available.

What does this transition mean for your child(ren)?

Current In-person Learners: Instruction will be delivered remotely every day. Your child will resume in-person instruction as soon as we can re-open.

Please note some specific special education and/or vocational programs may continue in an in-person format. For these students, school staff will directly contact parents concerning the in person delivery of special education services for their children.

If your child receives intervention services such as Title I or social work, staff providing the intervention will contact families to discuss how this will take place in the remote learning model.

Current Virtual (Blue Model) Learners: Your child will remain a virtual learner for the entire first semester. There are no changes to this learning model.

The Remote Learning school day schedule will remain the same as during in-person learning.

Technology tools currently utilized through in-person instruction will continue to be used during remote learning. Instruction will be delivered both through asynchronous and synchronous methods and allow students to work collaboratively and independently.

Teachers will implement additional methods to monitor, support and assess student learning through these four essential technology tools:

- Google Drive
- Google Classroom
- Google Meet
- District-approved digital resources to support the curriculum.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Students will connect with their teachers and access our curriculum using their district issued Chromebooks.

All students participating in remote instruction:

- Will follow their regular daily schedule established during in-person learning.
- Will be expected to log in at the start of each school day (or class period).
- Will actively participate in scheduled live sessions and complete assigned work.
- Will follow district and classroom rules, norms and expectations when technology is in use.
- Will benefit from a designated space at home to optimize learning.

Below you will find links to each of our schools to provide additional details regarding what the school day will look like for your student. Additional information resources are provided at the end of the letter for your reference.

[Chardon High School](#)

[Chardon Middle School](#)

[Maple Elementary School](#)

[Munson Elementary School](#)

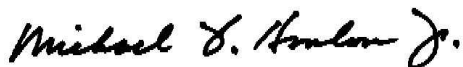
[Park Elementary School](#)

[Tiny Toppers Pre-K](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as our district team continues to evaluate the safest and best ways to meet the needs of our students and staff. We will regularly share information with you as soon as it becomes available. As you have witnessed by recent events, things can change very quickly.

Our goal is to return to in-person learning as soon as practical. Our continued focus on the safety practices we have been using since the start of the COVID pandemic will aid in helping us return to school as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Hanlon, Jr., Ph.D.
Superintendent

CHROMEBOOKS: TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Students and Parents/Guardians having Chromebook issues can call the following Tech Support Lines.

Grades PK - 7: 440-286-0458

Grades 8 - 12: 440-286-0428

Live support will be offered from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please leave a message if the line is busy, or if you call after hours. Calls will be returned as soon as possible.

If a Chromebook needs repair, the Tech Support Line will schedule an appointment. All repairs MUST be pre-scheduled.

NUTRITION SERVICES

The Nutrition Service Department will continue its program of offering free breakfast and lunch to all students during Remote Learning. If a family wishes to participate in this program, a weekly sign-up process is available using the following [Google Form](#). This program will consist of ten (10) separate meals that will be collectively distributed every Wednesday between 10:00am-1:00pm at Chardon High School at the designated pickup location. Please note: there will be NO meals provided during the scheduled Winter Break. The program will resume, if necessary, when Remote Learning resumes.

For additional assistance, please contact Nutrition Services at 440-286-0425.