



## Talawanda School District

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**TALAWANDA EMPOWERS!**

### July 2020 Summer Update

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Greetings to All! I hope your summer break is going well!

We are living in unprecedented times due to the COVID19 virus. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you what is happening with our Talawanda School District plans. It seems that every day there is a change regarding the safety protocols from the various organizations that TSD is subject to. Please know that the Talawanda staff and administration are planning for a variety of possibilities.

We have been planning 2 options, (Plan A) of education for the 20-21 school year: Face to Face (In Person) or Online. Families will be asked to choose between one of those two options: Face to Face (In Person) or Online education. The Talawanda opening plan has been shared with you and can be found on our website ([www.talawanda.org](http://www.talawanda.org)). We also have been planning a second (Plan B) that would start all students online. Talawanda School District would not offer Face to Face (In Person) education if we must implement Plan B. Our third option (Plan C) would be implemented if we were to open Face to Face (In Person) and then had to close due to COVID19 spread or contamination. Plan C would provide students an education online if/when we were closed. With current COVID19 conditions, and the recommendations/requirements from the Ohio Department of Education, the CDC, Governor DeWine, and the Butler County Health Department, it looks likely that our Plan A (Face to Face (In Person) or Online education may change.

We are in communication with the Ohio Department of Education, Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Butler County Health Department (and others) regarding recommendations and requirements during this pandemic. I wish I could tell you that our plans will not change, however, with the recent COVID19 activity and the current recommendations and requirements set forth, I believe our Face to Face (In Person) and Online options are likely to change. We will do our best to keep you informed and that is the reason we are sending this letter now.

We need all of our families and students to be prepared. This plan would include day coverage for students if we either start the year with an online program for everyone or have to close the district due to

the COVID19 spread in our buildings. I believe there is a strong possibility that Talawanda will not be able to open with Face to Face (In Person) and that all students will be educated through an online program. If we change our plan to go online for everyone, we will notify you as soon as we know.

We also will continue to evaluate the COVID19 conditions, recommendations, and requirements, and make decisions on when and if we can reopen. We have NOT made this decision to go online, but this decision could be made within the next couple of weeks.

We know that Face to Face (In Person) education is the best for our students and also for our families. We also know that we must do our best to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please continue to partner with us, wear masks, wash your hands frequently, and reduce the spread of COVID19 so that we can open safely, keep operating, and not be closed down. We are in this together!

At this point in time, our individual buildings are usually sending you lots of information in preparation for the first day of school. You may see a lapse in communication of these opening day items. We do not want to confuse you or send misinformation so we are waiting. We will make sure that we present to you the best plan possible. We will continue to update you as decisions are made. Be well and safe. Enjoy your last few weeks of summer.

In Education,

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