

Good afternoon parents, this is Vaughn White, superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools with a brief update.

Parents, On Tuesday, Governor Whitmer released a 63-page plan called the "Return to School Roadmap". We are reviewing this plan's orders and guidelines for opening day of school on August 31. We are hopeful to open school with students in our classrooms.

In-order to open under this plan there will be specific actions, protocols, and expectations related to the **Region** our school falls in and the **Phase** designation based on the COVID-19 cases in our region. Our district is in Region 2 and we are currently in Phase 4.

Throughout the month of July, we will spend time preparing three plans for returning.

**Plan 1: (Returning to School under Phase 4)**

Our plan will be created to address the following:

Personal Protection Equipment

Hygiene

Spacing

Movement

Access

Screening students

Screening staff

Testing protocols for students and staff for responding to positive cases

Food Service

Assemblies

Extracurricular activities

Athletics

Cleaning

Transportation

Medically vulnerable students and staff

Governance

Instruction

Communication

Professional development

Facilities usage

Budget

Enrollment

Staffing

Technology

**Plan 2: (Returning to School under Phase 5)**

Our plan will be created to address returning to school under the same plan as Phase 4, but with fewer overall restrictions.

**Plan 3: (Away from School Learning under Phase 3 and below)**

Phase 3 will involve an On-line learning/hybrid learning situation. The plan will include a virtual learning program/process yet to be defined specifically or developed.

Given some parental concerns regarding students returning to in-school instruction, our district is committed to offering a virtual learning option to parents. This program, if chosen, will take place through an application process and will most likely be at least a semester-long commitment. More information will be coming out as this is developed.

We have a committee that will be the lead group to begin this work and they will be meeting weekly, updating a planning document with recommendations. This committee will be divided into sub-committees that will report back to the group as they develop plans. As our plan becomes more developed, we will share it with our county districts with the hope we can find consistencies among our practices.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this challenging process.

Vaughn