

Warren Community Unit School District 205

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Last night, the Warren CUSD 205 Board of Education unanimously supported and adopted the 2020-2021 Return-to-School Plan. While the plan is thorough with over 20 pages of content regarding our plans for this school year, this situation remains fluid as we learn more about COVID-19. The plan is contingent upon the governor, health agencies, the state board of education, and the health of the school district. Therefore, we will still need your continued attention and support as we progress through these unprecedented times.

Currently, we are in Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. Within this phase and without local spikes of COVID-19, we plan to offer both remote learning and in-person instruction following health and safety guidelines. We hope this flexibility helps you feel better as you choose which option is best for your child(ren). With no vaccinations or treatment options, it is very possible that we could experience an environment that would force us to return to remote learning for all. This transition could happen very suddenly with little notice. While we have designed our plan allowing the operations of the school to function as smooth as possible in such a change, we understand the conflicts this could present at homes regarding daycare. Therefore, we strongly encourage families to have a plan in place ready if we are forced to return to remote learning for all students. Remote learning for all could include the entire school district or small groups of students including classrooms.

Our plan was designed around the following guiding principles: Student and Staff Safety Measures, Health Guidelines, Academic Achievement, and Support for Families. The plan can be found on our website as well as our school Facebook page. We also have hard copies, which can be viewed at the school district. Below is a quick summary of the plan for your convenience. It is extremely important to read through the plan prior to the start of the school year to best understand what the beginning of the school year will look like. Please also sit down with your student and discuss the plan. This will be critical to help students prepare for this upcoming school year.

At this point, we have received responses from the majority of families regarding their placement for the upcoming school year. For planning purposes, we must know who plans to be in-person and who will learn remotely. Therefore, this placement will be in place for at least the first-quarter.

We thank all of you who have responded to the survey. If you have not yet completed it, please complete the mandatory enrollment form survey, which should take approximately one minute. It can be found at: <https://forms.gle/n2c8cKyDxWZcPv2h9>

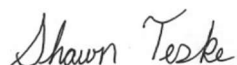
If the district does not have your results from the mandatory enrollment form by August 1, staff will begin placing phone calls to collect this information. We apologize in advance for this blunt request, but we must know within the next couple of weeks as we finalize preparations allowing us to operate safely

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and successfully. A letter of commitment will be distributed at a later time, which will require a student and parent signature.

In closing, thank you for your support and cooperation on this topic. Your participation in surveys has been critical for our team designing a plan to fit the needs of our students, staff, and community. While we face many challenges and have had to make many tough decisions, we feel this plan best serves our school district and community.

Sincerely,



Dr. Shawn Teske

Summary of Return-to-School Plan		
	In-Person Instruction	Remote Learning
Environment	Students will transition similar to a normal school day following health and safety guidelines. Students will interact with students who are remote learning using Google Meet.	Students will follow schedule of their peers who are in person. However, they will be learning from home using Google Meet to join their classes. Students and parents must agree to school district's agreement for remote learning.
Length of School Day	7:53 AM – 1:05 PM for all students following the same school calendar	
Health Certification	Parents must certify their student(s) is not showing any COVID-19 symptoms or running a fever each morning before sending child to school. Temperatures also taken as students enter the building.	Daily certification not required unless coming to school for any reason.
Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	Students will expected to advance through the curriculum at the same pace. Students will be assessed the same within each setting and receive grades based on performance and mastery of skills/tasks. Instruction will be recorded on Google Meet.	
Lunch	"To-go" style lunches will be prepared and made available to send home with students at the end of the school day. This will prevent large groups of individuals from removing masks to eat in the same location. Students will have structured snack times throughout the day allowing smaller groups to social distance to snack.	Students engaged in remote learning will be able to pick up a lunch.
Extracurricular Activities	All students will be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.	

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