

August 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

For those of you that have enrolled your student(s) to be in our face-to-face program, our school board voted last night to start the school year remotely in our DK-12<sup>th</sup> grade face-to-face programs, but with a phased-in approach. I understand this change may cause challenges for you. However, the **safety of our students and staff** is our top priority. Beginning on **Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**, all of our DK-12<sup>th</sup> grade academic face-to-face programs will begin remotely. We will then begin to phase in all DK-12<sup>th</sup> grade face-to-face academic programs.

Our childcare program has been up and running since July 6<sup>th</sup>. It is a small program with about 20 children. Our safety protocols have been working, and things have been going well in childcare. This program will continue to operate.

High school athletics began on **Monday, August 10** with outside practices only. Our teams are small, and they do not intermingle with other teams during practices. We are following all MHSAA guidelines, and we will keep all high school athletic programs in operation as long as MHSAA continues to allow fall athletics.

If things continue to go well with childcare and our athletic programs, we will open our Preschool, Parent-Tot, and GSRP programs at their set times. The Parent-Tot program begins on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Tuition Preschool and GSRP are scheduled to begin on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Our preschool class sizes are about 10-14 children, and these programs would bring our Baker building to full capacity.

If all Baker programs continue to go smoothly, on **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** we will begin our 5 days a week face-to-face instruction at Kenwood and Schalm with our **DK, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade** programs. We would also bring back **grades 6-8** at the middle school in our hybrid face-to-face plan. This would bring our face-to-face programs at the Clawson Middle School, Kenwood, and Schalm to about half capacity.

If things continue to go well in the programs mentioned above, on **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** we would bring back our 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in our 5 day a week face-to-face plan. On **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, we would open our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade building in our hybrid plan.

This phased-in approach gives us data points specifically for our district and will help us determine if it is safe to continue to move forward. It will allow us to safely return students to school in a responsible and safe manner. It also helps us to quickly contain an outbreak of COVID-19 if we were to have one.

Below is a list of scheduled dates for programs to begin. Please keep in mind that near the end of each phase, we will review if we believe it is safe to move into the next phase. Beginning on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, I plan to send out a weekly update each Monday informing you how the previous week has gone and if we are on schedule to move to the next phase.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Back in Building</b>
Monday, July 6	Childcare
Monday, August 10	HS Athletics (outside only)
Friday, September 11	Parent-Tot
Monday, September 14	Tuition Preschool, GSRP
Monday, October 5	Grades DK, K, 1 <sup>st</sup> MS 6-8 (hybrid)
Monday, October 26	Grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, October 29	HS Grades 9th – 12th (hybrid)

A Google Slides presentation was presented at the board meeting that gives more detail into the reasoning of the phased-in approach, and it will be posted on our website later today.

Due to COVID-19 and the importance of keeping class sizes as small as possible, the board amended our school of choice program for NEW school of choice students that register on or after August 13 to enroll in our CVA program only.

Clawson Pride,



Tim Wilson, Superintendent