ReuKNIGHTed
Reopening Greenon Schools
Dear Greenon Schools Students, Families, Staff, and Community,

One of the things we all love most about our community is the way we come together, not just when it is time to celebrate our successes, but also when it is time to weather the storms.

The start of the 2020-2021 school year is an occasion for both. We can celebrate and look forward to the new journeys and adventures ahead for our students and staff, but we must also prepare and plan for our community’s children and the adults who care for them during the school days to be safe and healthy.

The Safely ReuKNIGHTed Plan is our district’s blueprint to how we will accomplish that. We plan to begin the school year in session for full school days each weekday, and to be learning together in-person as much as we can. To make that happen, we have to put recommended strategies in place to reduce the risk of our children or our dedicated teachers and staff becoming ill. The plan enclosed outlines how that will work.

Please note that during this time, plans can change rapidly. We will do our best to provide consistent structure for our students, but we recognize that we must be flexible and responsive to the most up-to-date safety recommendations.

Now is the time when our ability to unite together is critical to keeping our schools a safe place to learn. Please remember - we must stay safe to stay open. We know that this year cannot look like other school years in the past, and that there will be times when we will all need to be supportive and flexible with one another to make it work. But as we have proven time and time again, we can make big things possible when we are uKNIGHTed.

Sincerely,

Darrin Knapke
Superintendent
OUR PLAN

We plan to attend school for a full day, every day of the week, whenever possible, with recommended mitigation strategies in place to reduce the risk to our students and staff of spreading or contracting illness. We will also offer a remote learning option for families who are more comfortable with learning at home for their students.

We will follow the recommendations of the state and local health officials and, if necessary based on local circumstances, will adjust our plan to continue keeping our students and staff safe and moving forward in learning.

OUR PLEDGE

• **Health and Safety:** Greenon is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all of our students and staff and will take steps to reduce the risk of spreading illness.

• **Learning for All:** Greenon is committed to helping our students reach their educational goals, whether they choose to learn at school or at home, by providing high-quality learning opportunities and platforms.

• **Supporting our Students and Staff:** Greenon is committed to providing academic, social, and emotional support for our students and staff throughout the re-entry process and the school year.
LEARNING OPTIONS

Families will have the option to choose from two attendance models.

LEARN IN-PERSON

Students attend school for a full day, every week day, when possible, with mitigation strategies in place to reduce the risk of spreading illness. These strategies will include social distancing, handwashing and sanitizing, and cleaning and disinfecting, among other recommended measures. Families will continue in their selected attendance model for the full semester and will only be able to change their attendance model at the semester change in January 2021.

LEARN AT HOME

Students will learn from home through a virtual learning platform selected by the district. If remote learning numbers are high enough, a Greenon teacher may be assigned to manage remote learning. Families should consider Internet and device access when selecting this option. Families will continue in their selected attendance model for the full semester and will only be able to change their attendance model at the semester change in January 2021.

Either way, students can successfully continue their educational journeys and be ready to reuKNIGHT when they and their families are comfortable returning to in-person learning.

REMEMBER! STAY SAFE TO STAY OPEN

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Policies and Procedures

The following procedures and policies will be in place for students who choose to learn in-person for the 2020-2021 school year.

Face Masks

It is strongly recommended that students wear a school-appropriate face mask or covering, especially while riding the bus or outside the classroom (arrival, dismissal, etc.).

All staff will be required to wear a mask or face covering whenever possible, unless it is unsafe to do so or wearing a face mask would impede learning. Staff will have the option to wear a face shield in these situations.

Daily Health Assessments

Parents are asked to assess their student’s health and any illness symptoms each day before school, including taking the temperature of each student before students arrive at school or ride the school bus.

If your student has symptoms of illness, particularly symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath or fever of 100.0 or higher, they should not attend school.

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CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

The following measures will be in place in our cleaning and disinfecting procedures for the 2020–2021 school year.

- Chemical cleaning products have been upgraded to a one-step, Hospital grade cleaner
- Hand sanitizer has been purchased for each entrance, each classroom, each bus, office areas, and other high-traffic spots in the building.
- Plexiglass has been purchased to be used as dividers at 2-person and 4 person desks/tables.
- Greenon has purchased two cloth masks for each staff member and will provide a face shield to each staff member who wants one.

ALPHA & OMEGA PARTNERSHIP

Alpha & Omega has been the area expert in cleaning and disinfecting services since 1986. Greenon Local Schools has joined the many other school districts who have contracted with Alpha & Omega to apply an antimicrobial coating to all the touchpoints in our schools monthly. This layer of protection will protect the commonly-touched surfaces in our schools from germs and viruses for 30 days.

While not yet proven to be effective against COVID-19, this protection will help reduce germs and viruses throughout the school and it is known to be effective against other coronaviruses.

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STUDENT ILLNESS

- A student with a fever at or above 100.0 F **MUST** stay home regardless of any other symptoms.
- A student who has the following symptoms of COVID-19 **MUST** stay home from school and it is recommended that the child’s primary care provider be consulted:
  - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing; OR
  - Two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, muscle ache/pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, gastro-intestinal issues (nausea/vomiting or diarrhea); OR
  - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle ache/pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, gastro-intestinal issues (nausea/vomiting or diarrhea) **AND** an epidemiological link to a case of COVID-19.

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PROTOCOL WHEN STUDENT/STAFF MEMBER HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19

- If a staff member or student, or member of the household, is symptomatic of or tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must be isolated at home for ten (10) days.
  - If symptoms present during the isolation period, he/she must remain at home until the isolation period ends and he or she is asymptomatic.
- If there is a school-age sibling in the household, he/she will need to quarantine at home for fourteen (14) days.
  - The student may return to school after the quarantine period if asymptomatic.
- Classrooms of students testing positive for COVID-19 will be sanitized with hospital grade Photohydroionization and/or electrostatic disinfectant systems in addition to approved regularly utilized disinfectants.
- If a staff member or student has experienced a confirmed exposure (or a household member has experienced a confirmed exposure) he/she must be quarantined at home for fourteen (14) days.
  - If symptoms present during the quarantine period, he/she must remain at home until the isolation period ends and he or she is asymptomatic.

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- A communication protocol will be developed in consultation with the Clark County Combined Health District and a common notification template will be developed to include the following:
  - Specify to parents which classroom/bus/school/other area the confirmed case was in.
  - Greenon will work with the Clark County Combined Health District in contact tracing to identify close contacts of COVID-19 case.
  - A quarantine period will be required for any student who is determined to have close contact with the COVID-19 case, as determined by the Clark County Combined Health District.
  - The Clark County Combined Health District will provide a letter to the district defining and explaining what is considered a close contact to a COVID-19 case that would result in a quarantine.
- Students missing school as a result of a positive COVID-19 test or a required isolation or quarantine period will be provided time to complete assignments, projects, and assessments.
  - Make up plans will be individualized based on specific circumstances.

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RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER AN ILLNESS

- **OTHER ILLNESSES (Not related to COVID-19):**
  - Routine processes will be utilized in accordance with district policy.
- **STUDENTS WITH FEVER:**
  - Students who have only a fever, no other symptoms, and have not had any contact with an individual who has COVID-19 may return to school after being fever-free for 72 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medications.
- **TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL AFTER ILLNESS:**
  - After ANY illness, the student must be transported to school by the parent. Students must either be checked by the school nurse, provide a note from a medical provider authorizing return to school, OR provide documentation of a negative test result for COVID-19.

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The following considerations are important for families and students to keep in mind as they prepare for the new school year.

**FIRST DAY**

The First Day for Greenon students will be moved to **Monday, August 24, 2020**, to allow teachers and staff additional time to prepare for the new school year, including implementing social distancing, preparing for alternative learning possibilities, and ensuring we can meet our students academic and support needs.

**HYBRID LEARNING**

At times during the school year, local and state health officials may recommend that schools use hybrid learning (or 50-percent attendance) models. If Hybrid Learning becomes necessary, students would be split into two groups. Group A would attend Monday and Tuesday. Group B would attend Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays would be used for distance learning and for extra sanitation and disinfecting at school. Students would have assignments to complete on the days they do not attend school.

We recommend that all families selecting in-person learning plan for childcare and other considerations in advance.

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**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

There are several ways families can support the district's efforts as we continue planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

**FINAL FORMS**

Complete your student's Final Forms paperwork so that we have updated contact information to share our plans with your family.

We have sent emails to the email address on file for your family to set up your Final Forms account. If you have not received an email, please call 937-864-1202 ext. 0.

**KEEP SICK KIDS HOME**

If your student is sick during the school year, please keep them home from school. Remind your family and friends of the importance of sick children staying home from school.

**COMPLETE SURVEY**

Learn At Home Interest Form

[CLICK HERE]

**WHAT'S NEXT**

On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, we will share additional information about school day operations as well as the online learning program.