

# Flushing Community Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Meeting Required Every 30 Days After Initial Plan Approval

#### Agenda:

- Reconfirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 20/21 school year
- Public comments from parents and/or guardians on the Extended Learning Plan
- Review weekly 2-way interaction rates

## Reconfirmation Meeting for November, 2020 (November 17, 2020)

## Reconfirm how instruction (Return to Learn Plan) is going to be delivered during the 20/21 school year:

(Recommendation: Explain in narrative form any modifications to the original Extended Learning Plan)

Up until this past Sunday afternoon, there were no necessary modifications to our Extended COVID -19 Learning Plan. As you are aware, we have continued to be in constant communication with the Genesee County Health Department, and they have been fully supportive of the learning plans that we have adopted. We met extensively with the health department on Monday, November 16th, and our amended plan continues to be supported by the GCHD and follows their guidance. The data used continues to indicate an increase in all indicators relative to COVID-19 and its prevalence. While those numbers are clear indicators of community spread, both within the Flushing community and the county, there is absolutely no evidence of person to person transmission within our school buildings amongst our students or staff members. We believe it is largely due to the diligence of our staff members and students, as well as the mitigation strategies, including diluted population of students (hybrid), social distancing of 6 feet or greater whenever possible, the use of masks, readily available and proper use of PPE, adherence to strict cleaning and disinfection protocols, and an increased emphasis on proper hygiene, including hand sanitizing, hand washing, and proper covering of cough and sneeze.

At this time, we have roughly 73% of our students that have elected to attend school using our hybrid learning plan and 27% that have continued with our 100% online learning option. This is up from roughly 17-18% utilizing 100% online learning last month.

In keeping with the legislation and acknowledging the most recent MDHHS order, we are seeking your (re)confirmation of our current learning plan. The decision was made to move our high school students to 100 % online/remote learning beginning this Wednesday, November 18th, while continuing our current in person/hybrid teaching and learning plan for students in grades K-8 through next Tuesday, November 24th. As you are aware, it has been our intention since the beginning of the school year to offer in-person instruction to our students as long as we could do it safely and effectively. We are proud of the fact that we have been able to keep our students and staff members safe and in school by successfully adhering to the necessary mitigation standards within our school buildings. It has been a true team effort with our families and we are thankful for their adherence to these protocols so that we could bring students back into the classroom.

Unfortunately, the increasing number of positive cases in and around our community have led to an increased number of students and staff members that have been impacted. The community spread of the virus has resulted in a growing number of staff members and students that have tested positive or are having to quarantine, and it is becoming more and more apparent that we simply do not have people available to fill all of our vacancies. It has become increasingly difficult to provide an in-person learning plan that is both safe and highly effective. For these reasons, our K-8 students will join our high school students in attending their classes 100% online starting Monday, November 30th and continuing through December 22nd. This decision will allow us the time to transition our K-8 hybrid students to 100% online knowing we have a few more in-person class periods with students before November 30th to help them prepare. I am hopeful that this transition time allows our families the time necessary to make childcare arrangements as well.

We will continue to evaluate what our teaching and learning plan will be in advance of January 4th and will communicate it with you as soon as a decision is made. We realize that these are extraordinary times, that this is yet another inconvenient but necessary transition, and that this is not how any of us envisioned the school year for our students.

As I have shared recently, we want to continue to do whatever we can to keep our students and staff members safe while ensuring a highly effective learning environment. Returning to on-line instruction will allow us to do that despite the circumstances that we currently face with a growing number of quarantined students and staff members.

Once again, I will share with you the data shared with us by the health department, our Covid-19 dashboard, as well as take you through the data available to us at <a href="https://www.mistartmap.info">www.mistartmap.info</a>, the website used to capture the most recent data available to us. As mandated, I will also share our weekly attendance / two-way interaction rates

for the last 4 weeks. We then need to open our meeting to any public comments regarding the (re)confirmation of our Extended COVID 19 Learning Plan.

## **Document Public Comments during this portion of meeting: (If applicable)**

- 1. Understands the decision but wishes it was not the case. Very little to no spread in the schools, especially elementaries. Advocate for more in-person and would like to see 5 days a week if possible. More options for kids.
- 2. Spoke to other districts about how they are doing it, our district is being very conservative in her estimation. Her perspective is students are not getting sick in school, and they are advocating for more days of in-school education for their students. Favors 3 options for kids, online, hybrid, and in-person. Parent states that she is an advocate for her children, and others.

## **Review Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates**

Oct19-Nov13	All Students
Week 1	October 19-23 - ECC – 94.21%, Central -95.91%, Elms – 94.90%, Seymour – 96.56%, Springview – 95.89%, Middle School – 93.94%, High School – 94.46
Week 2	October 6-30 - ECC – 94.91%, Central -94.87%, Elms – 95.17%, Seymour – 96.90%, Springview – 95.42%, Middle School – 92.94%, High School – 93.94%.
Week 3	November 2 - 6 - ECC – 94.42%, Central -94.50%, Elms – 94.45%, Seymour – 95.38%, Springview – 95.45%, Middle School – 92.66%, High School – 93.45%.
Week 4	November 9 – 13 - ECC – 93.61%, Central -94.98%, Elms – 94.10%, Seymour – 95.69%, Springview – 94.83%, Middle School – 90.67%, High School – 92.51%.