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Good afternoon, this is Todd Cramer calling you with an update as we continue to plan for the 2020-21 school year. As superintendent of Maumee City Schools, it is my ultimate responsibility to make decisions that protect the health and safety of our students, staff and community.

I stand behind the decision made earlier this month to transition back to school with all remote instruction. It was the right decision based on the data and medical expertise available at that time. Since then, we have worked diligently to create new approaches to educational and enrichment opportunities for our students, while always keeping health and safety foremost in mind.

Maumee's entire Reset & Restart School process is one of making values-based decisions, with constant evaluation and re-evaluation, as the nature of the pandemic changes. Our goal remains the same: we want to return our students to campus as soon as possible.

I'm pleased to get to announce the Maumee K-12 KickStart student orientation that we have planned for September 8 through 11. Middle and high school students will come to school in very small groups for either a morning or afternoon session to meet their teachers, rotate through their first term schedule of classes, get comfortable accessing educational software and understanding expectations for this school year.

Our elementary parents, with their child, will be invited to self-schedule a 45-minute session with their child's classroom teacher who will identify strengths and areas that may need additional support, review expectations, demonstrate learning software and help ensure each child has the most positive and successful transition to the new school year.

For our students who are planning to continue learning at home even after we are able to reopen our schools, their orientation will be handled via a Zoom session with the classroom teacher or teaching team.

Early next week, all building principals will utilize School Messenger to share detailed information with you (Monday - middle & high school and Tuesday - elementary schools) about their Kickstart Orientation plans.

I encourage you to take advantage of these orientation sessions as they are essential for a smooth start to the year. Please know that student school days in 2020-21 will look very different than they did last spring.

Finally, know that the entire Maumee City Schools staff remains committed to each student's success and have the utmost confidence that we will deliver a high-value educational experience, regardless of the delivery format. I am very proud of the collective spirit shown over the past six months and look forward to the day we can return to having all Maumee students on our campus each and every day. Please be sure to listen to and review additional communications coming out early next week.

Take care and have a great weekend.
Todd Cramer, Superintendent Maumee City Schools

[Link to Reset & Restart School 2020 webpage](#)