

November 25, 2020

Parents,

As you know, over the last few months we have been continuing to monitor our local data as well as frequently consulting with the Toledo Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD).

Health Department Directs All Schools to Transition 6-12 Students to Remote Instruction

Unfortunately, today we learned that even with the best possible plans and precautions in place, we will need to shift our students in grades 6-12 to virtual education beginning on December 7 through at least January 8, per an order from TLCHD. It was stated at their meeting this morning that while schools have done an amazing job, an order is necessary at this time. Due to our building configuration being grades 6-8 at Gateway Middle School, through clarification with the Lucas County Prosecutor, it was determined that the entire building is covered by the order. The order for schools is based on current infection rates in Lucas County as well as the recent surge of COVID-19 patients at local hospitals.

Ultimately, the Health Department's goal is for schools to be able to fully reopen once infection rates, as well as hospital utilization, have decreased. **However, effective Monday, December 7, Maumee City Schools will pivot, following TLCHD's directive, to virtual learning for all students in grades 6-12.** As soon as we have a firm date for the return to in-person classes for these students, I will communicate this information. We are seeking clarification on the effective dates for sports and activities. We will send out information as it becomes available.

Please be patient over Thanksgiving Break. We will begin sending additional updates beginning next week and will have answers to the questions you will most likely have since all of our students will not be attending in-person instruction. We will be reaching out to individual families as we plan to provide in-person support, in a safe manner, to individual students and small groups who need academic and social-emotional assistance to complement their online learning experience for our students in grades 6-12.

MHS 1st Trimester Schedule May End Early

At our Board of Education meeting this coming Monday, November 30, I will be requesting a change to the high school calendar. This change will result in 1st trimester classes concluding on Wednesday, December 2, then a day for staff record-keeping and course adjustments on December 3, and the start of 2nd trimester on Friday, December 4. Maumee High School will update students and parents after the Board meets.

Connectivity Issues for Families

We will also be reaching out to those who have indicated they do not have connectivity in their home. If you need assistance, please contact our technology department at helpdesk@maumee12.org or call your child's school and we will direct you to someone who can help.

Breakfast & Lunch for Students During Remote Learning

We will be sharing a form next week for those who would like to be provided with meals for your student(s). It will be sent to you via email.

Resources & Materials Needed for Students Pivoting to Remote Instruction

We understand that there are questions about online instruction as well as resources and materials that will be available for students in grades 6 - 12. I once again ask for your patience as staff will be providing additional information prior to the start of online instruction.

I want to recognize our staff for their hard work. Many are currently preparing to adjust and pivot once again to online instruction. They have all been true champions of education making sure we have clean, well-run facilities and ensuring the safety of our students each and every day. I cannot tell you how proud I am to see the day-to-day efforts of all our staff throughout this pandemic.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we keep students at the center of our thinking while navigating our way through the pandemic. I wish you and your families health and wellness during this difficult time. We will get through this together and hopefully, we can all look back knowing we did everything we could to best serve our students and community. Take care.

Todd Cramer, Superintendent