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Message from the Superintendent

August 3, 2020

Dear Parents, children and staff:

HASD Reopening Health and Safety plan board approved for a “Total reopen for all students” August 27, 2020

On Monday, July 27, 2020 the Huntingdon Area School Board approved the reopening of HASD to 100% starting August 27, 2020. The plan itself, is called the “Phased Reopening Health and Safety Plan,” as there were 4 phases you could choose from:

1. **Total reopen for all students** and staff (but some students/families opt for distance learning out of safety/health concern).
2. **Scaffolded reopening:** Some students are engaged in in-person learning, while others are distance learning (i.e., some grade levels in-person, other grade levels remote learning).
3. **Blended reopening** that balances in-person learning and remote learning for all students (i.e., alternating days or weeks).
4. **Total remote learning** for all students. (Plan should reflect future action steps to be implemented and conditions that would prompt the decision as to when schools will re-open for in-person learning).

The previous message I sent provided you with recommendations and consideration for a 50% gradual return. That recommendation was not approved. This message is to clarify our return of 100% of children to school August 27, 2020.

We are going to need support from all, in order to mitigate the risk of spread of Covid 19 and allow us to provide an education in the safest environment possible.

Parents, we will need your support in the following areas, and more information will be provided by your building level principals:

- Face coverings for *all (exemptions per CDC & PDE guidelines)
- Daily temperature checks for children prior to getting on the bus or arriving at school
- Frequent hand washing
- Maintaining social distancing of 6'

This will require all staff and students to wear face coverings (mask or shield) on the bus, in the hallways and in classrooms, when 6' of social distancing cannot be met. Exceptions provided per CDC and PDE guidelines will be followed. Please work with your building level principal prior to the opening of school to discuss these exemptions.

Your options for your child(ren), as parents, are to attend in person education, or you can sign them up for 100% online course work, grades K-12. Mr. John Bilich can assist you, you may reach him at jbilich@huntsd.org or call his office phone at 814-641-2148

Thank you,

Fred Foster, Superintendent