05.28.2020

Dear parents and students,

I want to thank the close to 1,400 parents who took the time to complete our remote learning parent survey last week. Your responses have provided us with valuable information as it relates to online learning as well as future planning. Please click here to see a summary of the results.

In an effort to gather more feedback, we have decided to survey our students and staff. The purpose of the survey is to provide students and staff with the opportunity to share their experiences about online learning. We are asking that students complete the survey found here by Friday, June 5th. The staff will be receiving a separate email in the near future with their survey link.

As we look to the future, there is only one certainty: school will look very different than it did before March 16, 2020. The Ohio Department of Education is collaborating with the Ohio Department of Health and Governor DeWine’s Office to provide clear guidance as to how schools will need to operate in all aspects of students’ and employees’ daily experience. This guidance, which is in draft form, includes physical and social distancing, daily health checks, use of personal protective equipment (face masks), daily hygiene habits, cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day and at the end of the day, attendance policies related to coronavirus symptoms, and teaching & learning from home whenever possible. This guidance is not locally determined and should be finalized in the near future. Parents shared strong feedback in last week’s survey related to some of these measures. I would certainly encourage those parents to contact state officials to share their specific concerns. Here is a link to their contact information.

Our district is in the process of analyzing various sources of information in an effort to develop recommendations for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. When decisions have been finalized for how our district will begin the 2020-21 school year, we will communicate accordingly, but please know that the situation is fluid. Whatever decision is made, it will be based on multiple factors and regulations. The safety and security of our students and staff is always our top priority and guides all decisions made.

Stay safe and Go Big Blue,

Michael Mayell