



RENSSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION

RCSC Community:

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The Indiana Department of Education released guidance today for the re-opening of schools. The document is very detailed and it will take time to determine what procedures RCSC will need to develop to comply with the state plan.

As we develop our procedures, our main goals remain the same:

- Provide a safe environment for our students and staff
- Create a learning experience as close to normal as possible
- Meet the academic and emotional needs of our students
- Involve all stakeholder groups in the development of a re-entry plan

As a school corporation, we have been cautious to provide only accurate and necessary facts to our school family and community. There is still much we do not know and many decisions need to wait until the picture becomes clearer. In addition, with so much information distributed daily on COVID-19, it is easy to get overwhelmed.

At the current time, RCSC has begun the process of preparing for fall entry. We have ordered equipment and cleaning supplies we know will be needed. In addition, members of administration have met and identified key departments of our school that need to be involved in upcoming preparations to open.

To improve cleanliness and hygiene in our buildings, we have ordered the following:

- Electrostatic cleaning machines for each building and our transportation department to increase the frequency and effectiveness of disinfecting
- Cleaning products approved by the Centers for Disease Control for COVID-19 virus
- Hand sanitizer for hallways and classrooms
- Masks for staff that may be required or choose to wear a mask
- No-contact thermometers

I anticipate it will take 2-3 weeks for professional, insurance and legal groups to digest all material in the state's report. At RCSC, we will be in contact with our insurance companies and legal advisors to determine what a plan will look like for the upcoming school year. A timeline of late June for firming up plans continues to seem reasonable.

As always, I will provide accurate information to you as soon as it becomes available. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact me. This is a new experience and we are all learning as we face a challenging year ahead of us. We must remain positive as we create a new path for our school family to follow - a path where all students will succeed and achieve.

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