

Madison Board of Education

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Dear Madison Parents:

In response to Governor DeWine's decision to allow schools to re-open this fall for face-to-face learning, the Madison Local School District has developed two learning options for your child (see the Madison Local School District 2020-21 Reopening Plan on the district website at mlsd.net). As you decide the option for your child, please be advised that you are committing your child to that option for a minimum of one semester (through winter break).

Option 1 involves students attending school daily with safety precautions in place to reduce the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus for your child, your family, school employees, and the Madison community. All staff will be required to wear a face covering, a mask or a face shield, dependent upon their assignment. While Richland County is under **Risk Levels 1 (Yellow) or 2 (Orange)**:

- 1) Students in grades 3-12 will be required to wear masks throughout the school day unless we are provided with a documented health or developmental reason that causes them to be unable to do so.
- 2) Mask breaks will be provided throughout the school day.
- 3) Due to the difficulty of social distancing, masks will be required of all students regardless of grade level while riding Madison Local School District buses, during arrival and dismissal times, and during hallway transition times.

If the county is under **Risk Level 3 (Red)**, all students regardless of grade level will be required to wear masks. All other standards for Levels 1 and 2 will apply.

If the county is under **Risk Level 4 (Purple)**, all instruction will be completed remotely.

Option 2 provides you with the opportunity to keep your child at home for their learning by enrolling them in the Madison Online Academy. Your child will learn independently through an online platform and curriculum with the support of a Madison teacher, who will be available to assist and support the student's learning. The teacher will also monitor the student's progress and communicate that progress with parents/guardians. Students are encouraged to use their own computer device, but will be assigned a district-owned device if needed.

These options have been developed by committees of staff members over the past two months as we reviewed last year's successes and struggles with remote learning. The committees also conducted surveys of students, parents, staff and teachers on how to make remote learning more effective and how to improve communication with students and parents. We have collaborated with other Richland County school districts throughout the summer to share ideas and to develop a common Reset and Restart approach to reopening schools. During the week of July 12th, I met with district administrators, leaders from the teachers' association, leaders from the support staff association, and members of the Board of Education to develop the details of our district's Reset and Restart Plan.

If you intend to send your child(ren) back to school for face-to-face learning (option 1), and you **do not** intend to have us transport your child(ren) via the school bus, no action is required of you.

However, if you intend to choose option 2 (Madison Online Academy) or if you intend to utilize school transportation, please do the following:

1)If you are choosing the online academy for your child, you must either complete the online form titled “Madison Online Academy Enrollment” on the district website (www.mlsd.net) or complete the “Madison Online Academy Enrollment” form at the Board of Education Office (1379 Grace St., Mansfield, 44905) no later than **Friday, August 7th at 3:00 PM.**

2)If you plan to utilize school transportation for your child, you must either complete the online form titled “Grade 1-6 Annual Request or Grade 7-12 Annual Request” on the district website (www.mlsd.net/click on Departments/click on Transportation) or complete the “Grade 1-6 Annual Request or Grade 7-12 Annual Request” form at the Board of Education Office (1379 Grace St., Mansfield, 44905) no later than **Friday, August 7th at 3:00 PM.**

On behalf of the Madison Local School District, I thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work together and continue to plan for a safe and exciting 2020-21 school year. Go Rams!

Sincerely,

Robert S. Peterson
Superintendent
Madison Local School District