



# Mount Carmel Area SD

Summer 2020 Update



# Closure of 2019-2020

- It was a difficult year for everyone. Thank you to our entire learning community!!
- Online learning was a struggle but we overcame a difficult situation.
- Our teachers and staff stepped up and did a great job!
- Our district communicated to households on weekly basis.
- 70+ Chromebooks were loaned to families.
- We worked on wi-fi connection issues.
- 80 to 90% of students were engaged during the closure.

# Preparing for 2020-2021

- The reality is that anything short of full return to “normal” will create hardships for our learning community.
- *Questions to address:*
- Will students and staff wear masks?
- What will bus transportation look like?
- Will all students eat in the cafeteria?
- Will all students be allowed in the building/classroom at the same time?
- Our administration will plan for various scenarios....

# Possible Options for our Fall return

- *Reminder: no final decisions have been made. We continue to research better ideas. The following are just options we are researching.*
- To help us plan for our Fall return, please complete the learning community survey found on the main webpage. - [www.mca.k12.pa.us](http://www.mca.k12.pa.us).

# Option #1 Normal Return

Day #1 is scheduled for Monday, August 24th.

- Social Distancing may be in place
- Modified student movement
- Extensive cleaning before, during, after the school day
- Training of staff to meet safety requirements
- Full return of all students and staff

# Option #2 Online Virtual Learning

- Possible option if extended closure continues into August
- MCA will continue to advance and increase our capabilities to meet the needs of our students if we are forced into Option #2.
- More computers are being ordered by our district regardless.
- The goal will be 1 to 1 in certain grades and become district wide soon.
- Susquehanna Valley United Way is working with us to set up “town” hotspots. (i.e. Mt. Carmel Public Library and in certain areas of our communities)
- Professional Development for our staff will be completed to meet the demands of virtual learning.
  
- *Concerns: How will we help parents that return to work but must care for children at home?*

# Option #3 Hybrid (A)

- There may be guidance that prohibits us from allowing all students to return at the same time.
- “*Cycle*” Model is possible option. K to 12 divided into three groups. For example: by last name.
- **Positive:** Allows more of an opportunity to engage with classmates and teachers
- Strict social distancing would force us into this possible option.
- Students will complete virtual work on days not physically present.
- This allows the district to extensively clean buildings every three days.
- **Concerns:** This option would place enormous stress on parents and child care facilities.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
<b>Students A-G in school.</b>	<b>Students H-N in school.</b>	<b>Students O-Z in school.</b>	Completion of Assignments Teacher Office Hours Extensive Building Cleaning

# Option #3 Hybrid (B)

- Elementary/High School is another possible option
- Elementary attends in person one day. Junior High - Senior High will attend virtually that day.
- Junior High - Senior High attend in person the next day. Elementary will attend virtually.
- Both buildings would be used.
- **Concerns:** Stress on families and child care.
- **Positive:** Ability for grades to be spaced out in two buildings vs. just one.



## Option #3 Hybrid (C)

- Grades Pre K, K, 1 and 2 return physically for in person instruction.
- Grades 3 to 12 will be virtual instruction.
- **Concerns:** This option would place enormous stress on parents and child care

# Planning leading into August....

- Reality is we may start the year in one of these options and be forced to move into another.
- *Reminder no final decisions have been made. We continue to research better ideas. The following are just options we are researching.*
- Please take time to download “Google Meet” application and create Google email.
- All summer parental meetings will occur virtually or over the phone, if possible.
- For now, enjoy your summer! We will continue to communicate with you as we get more information!