Opening the West Branch Local School District for the 2020 - 2021 School Year
2020 -2021 School Year Starting Point

As of 8/3/2020, the intent of the WBLSD is to be in session 5 days a week with students and staff practicing social distancing.

Protocols as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as the county and state health departments will be followed.

Disclaimer - This plan is subject to change based on community or building/classroom level spread and/or directives from the local/state health department or executive order (Governor’s Office).
WBLSD Plan Options

The following slides represent the potential status of the district, school or classroom as we proceed through school year.

**Green Status** indicates the In-Person Learning for students in PS - 12

**Yellow Status** indicates a hybrid model for students in the district.

**Red Status** indicates a Remote Learning model for students in a particular building or district.

As of Monday August 3rd, 2020 - the WBLSD is “GREEN.”
In Person Learning -

All students expected to attend school.

Physical/Social Distancing maximized in all educational spaces.

Increased Health & Safety Protocols / Mitigation practices.

Facial Coverings required for grades 3 - 12.

Facial Coverings encouraged for grades PS - 2.

Facial Coverings required for faculty and staff.
50% In-Person Attendance / 50% Remote Learning.

Alternating days in grades 5 - 12.

Full Attendance - Grades PS - 4.

Physical/Social Distancing maximized in all educational spaces.

Increased Health & Safety Protocols / Mitigation practices.

Facial Coverings required for grades 3 - 12.

Facial Coverings encouraged for grades PS - 2.

Facial Coverings required for faculty and staff.
Status Level Red:

Remote Learning - All students at home.

Red Status could result from an Executive Order, Ohio Department of Health, Mahoning or Columbiana County Department of Health or as determined by the Superintendent.

Food Service Distribution would be available for students.

Students would engage in remote learning during normal school hours according to their assigned class schedule, unless otherwise excused.

All staff members would be expected to report to school during their normal work hours unless otherwise determined by the Superintendent.
Warrior Academy - If a student is unable to attend school due to health related concerns or special circumstances, the district is providing an online curriculum option for families.

Selection of Warrior Academy must take place by 8/20/2020.

Enrollment in Warrior Academy does not replicate the full learning experience of in-person instruction. Please consider all factors in making this decision.

It is expected that students who enroll in Warrior Academy will remain online for at least one semester.

To learn more about Warrior Academy, you can visit: Warrior Academy - Information
Students will participate in daily temperature screenings upon arrival at school.

Faculty and Staff members will participate in daily screenings prior to coming to work and upon arrival.

Faculty and staff should evaluate symptoms (if present) and temperature before leaving for school/work.

Students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or that have a temperature of 100.4 will be isolated and then sent home.
Health and Safety Protocols

Guidelines for Face Coverings

The CDC and Ohio Department of Health provide comprehensive guidance for the use of face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. As such, we are implementing our Face Covering or Masking Policy as highlighted below.

All staff/adults are required to wear a face covering unless meeting the criteria for exemption.

All students are expected to wear face coverings in grades 3 - 12. Families must provide the student with his/her own face covering on a daily basis.

Any student in grades PS - 12 who intend on riding school transportation will be required to wear a face covering.

Students will be given “mask breaks” as determined by guidelines and safety protocols.
Health and Safety Protocols

**Cafeteria/Food Service**

Physical/social distancing will be adhered to during lunch times. Hand washing or sanitizing will be required before and after lunch.

**Transportation**

Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school when possible. All students riding the bus will be required to wear a facial covering and be assigned seats. Siblings will sit together.

Drivers will wear facial coverings.
Adapt & Adjust

All plans are subject to change based on evolving conditions, data from the status of the pandemic, and recommendations and guidance from public health authorities.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

Additional Questions can be addressed by each building principal or by contacting the Superintendent’s office.

This information will be updated as needed leading up to the official start of school on September 9th...