

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Clay County Staff, Students, and Community,

I am excited to announce that Clay County Schools are making plans for school re-entry on September 8, 2020. In these uncertain times, school re-entry will look different than it has in past school years. With the COVID-19 pandemic upon us, Clay County Schools will strive to provide our students with the safest academically engaged school year possible.

Through diligent planning, we are able to present our families with two curriculum delivery re-entry options for the 2020-2021 school year. Option one is a blended model of in-person and distance learning. This option has three potential phases of re-entry. Phase I will be a “normal” re-entry with regular schedules and activities. Phase II will be comprised of in-person and distance learning. Elementary and Middle School students will attend school four days per week with one day absent of students (Wednesday) for deep cleaning and sanitization. High School students will be divided into A (Mon/Tues) and B (Thurs/Fri) groups, with students attending on A or B days with one day absent of students (Wednesday) per week for deep cleaning and sanitization. Alternating High School A and B day groups will also provide additional spacing on county transportation, in turn providing Elementary and Middle School students with more in-person opportunities at school. This model will also provide younger students with much needed social and emotional wellness. All Elementary, Middle, and High School students will receive five days of engaged learning per week. On days that students do not attend in-person classes, students will participate in distance learning. Along with five days per week of engaged student learning, student meal service will also be provided. Phase III will be a remote learning model with school closure. All Clay County students will tentatively re-enter school in September 2020 under Phase II. Option two is virtual learning provided by Clay County Instructors using the WV Virtual School Platform. You will find details outlining both options within this document to help guide your decision-making process.

While returning to school is imperative, it must be done in a manner that is safe for our students and staff. Clay County Schools are dedicated to providing a caring, committed, and successful plan for re-entry. We are working diligently to take the necessary steps to safe guard everyone’s health. Until we are able to return to “normal” school operations, we will continue to take important steps to plan the safest re-entry possible.

Clay County Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of our vested stakeholders for your continued support. It takes a village to raise a child and a community to educate one. Your support and guidance is integral in making our re-entry a success.



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