

COVID BACK TO SCHOOL

OBJECTIVES FOR TONIGHT

- PRESENT THE RESULTS FROM THE PARENTAL SURVEY AS STATED IN THE PARENT LETTER
- EXPLAIN THE MULTITUDE OF VARIABLES THAT DEVELOPED THE RESULTING DECISION
- DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US AND KEEP THE DISTRICT UNITED

THE OBJECTIVES TONIGHT ARE NOT

- CHANGE PEOPLES' MINDS
- DISCUSS POLITICS
- HAVE PEOPLE AGREE ON THE SOLUTION
- ANSWER INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS—CONTACT YOUR BUILDING PRINCIPAL BY EMAIL



PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

- Questions/comments placed on the index card will be reviewed by the administration and answered on a FAQ page on the school website
- PDF of the survey
- Results of the open ended questions were:
 - Communication—Students looked forward to hearing from their teachers
 - Consistency—keep the learning platforms and the format the same
 - Flexibility—when it came to attendance and assignments due
 - Sanitation—ensure the school is sanitized

OUT OF HARRISBURG

From the Tribune... “It’s critical to drive down the case counts now in terms of the rise of new cases in order to prepare for schools to reopen,” Levine said during a news conference Thursday. “If we don’t do that now, that would put that in jeopardy.”

From PennLive... “I am willing to ‘pull the plug’ on school reopening if a new surge of COVID-19 infections continues to grow,” Wolf said. He also stated, “it might be irrelevant because fear of catching the disease would likely keep teachers and students away anyway.”

Governor Wolf also stated that it is up to the schools to make parents feel safe enough for them to send their children to school.



THREE RETURN TO SCHOOL SCENARIOS

- Full back to school face to face (F2F)—68% of respondents
 - Cannot maintain the social distancing in the classrooms which means a face covering all day
 - Cannot maintain social distancing in the cafeteria
- Hybrid model: Group A on M-T and Group B on TH-F live F2F; online for all days students not at the school building; This is our plan as of tonight
 - This is the scenario selected by 40% of the respondents; total for hybrid was 23%
- Full online for all students—9%

WHAT WENT INTO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- Students, staff, family, and community
 - Health—physical, social, emotional, mental
 - Education
- Sustaining F2F instruction over time—our best chance of continued F2F
- Spacing—cannot maintain 3 foot distancing in several classrooms and cafeterias as recommended from WHO; PaDOH requires 6 feet in our health plan
- Substitute availability—we do not have the substitutes to offset teacher absences; we cannot consolidate classes for study halls if at full capacity; 2 long term subs in October

WHAT WENT INTO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS (CONT.)

- Face covering requirement—length of time to wear
- Parent/staff input—35% not coming with face covering requirement all day; number is 19% when required due to lack of social distancing
- Meals—spacing, only feeding 50% of students, financial impact
- Custodial capabilities—personnel to complete overall sanitation
- Cyber school cost—between \$11,500 and \$23,000 per student; students also in isolation
- Transportation—routes, financial impact, spacing, sanitation
- All health organization guidelines, recommendations, and requirements

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

- All schools must have one
- The plan must state the 6 foot social distancing
- The plan is public on the website
- NBC also has an operational plan for implementing the health plan
 - Face coverings except for in the classrooms or in the cafeteria
 - Daily instruction/implementation of proper hygiene to include hand washing and face covering
 - Minimum of twice daily sanitizing desk, door knobs, etc. with sanitizing solution
- Any positive COVID cases will be communicated through the PaDOH at their discretion

CONCLUSION

- The best first line of defense is the parent monitoring their child(ren) prior to school
- The best opportunity to sustain F2F is a hybrid
- Still provides student/teacher interaction F2F
- The planning is only as good as the next change
- No requirement to agree
- Vital to remember the most important thing is the need to remain united under the circumstances so that we have a school when this is over

CONCLUSION (CONT)

- Thank you for your attendance tonight and look forward to your continued support of Northern Bedford County School District
- Due to the social distancing requirements, we ask that everyone please promptly exit the auditorium maintaining social distancing guidelines or wearing a face covering. Thank you for your cooperation.