

MEETING 7/15/20 AT 11:30 A.M. WITH NURSES, GUIDANCE, THERAPISTS/PSYCHOLOGISTS

QUESTION: JUST WONDERING WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH TRAVELING STAFF WHEN SCHOOL OPENS?

ANSWER: THE GOAL IS TO MINIMIZE OR STOP TRAVELING STAFF ALL TOGETHER. SIMILAR TO THE COHORT MODEL FOR STUDENTS.

QUESTION: ARE WE ABLE TO HAVE INTERNS THIS YEAR?

ANSWER: AS LONG AS WE CAN MAINTAIN SAFETY STANDARDS IT IS A POSSIBILITY. PRINCIPALS ARE PUTTING PLANS TO INCLUDE THEM AS WELL AS PRE PRAC STUDENTS.

QUESTION: IF THERE IS ANY CONSIDERATION FOR A DELAYED START SO TEACHERS CAN GET ACCLIMATED?

ANSWER: WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT AND WILL BE OFFERING A PD SCHEDULE IN THOSE AREAS. WE WILL WORK WITH STAFF SCHEDULES. WE WANT SCHOOL AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE SO A DELAYED START IS NOT OFF TABLE BUT WOULD LIKE TO START SEPT 8 OR 9. WE MAY HAVE STAGGERED START TIMES.

QUESTION: CAN WE HAVE ACCESS TO FACE SHIELDS IN ADDITION TO MASKS ESPECIALLY DURING TESTING?

ANSWER: YES, WE HAD A FORMER STUDENT DONATE OVER 300 FACE SHIELDS TO QPS. WE ARE WELL SUPPLIED.

QUESTION: IF A STUDENT HAS SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL NEEDS CAN WE REQUIRE WHOLE CLASS WEAR MASKS?

ANSWER: UNDER GRADE 2 MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED. WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THESE SITUATIONS CASE BY CASE. WE WILL BE CONTACTING AND WORKING WITH PARENTS. PARENTS MIGHT NOT SEND A MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILD TO SCHOOL. WE CANNOT REQUIRE SOME STUDENTS THAT MAY HAVE DISABILITY OR MEDICAL NEED TO WEAR MASKS. IF A STUDENT WAS JUST REFUSING TO COMPLY THEN THIS WOULD REQUIRE NORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

QUESTION: WILL TEACHERS BE ABLE TO COME INTO CLASSES TO TEACH REMOTELY VS ONLY AT HOME? MANY TEACHERS HAVE SUPPLIES AT SCHOOL THAT WOULD ENHANCE THEIR TEACHING.

ANSWER: YES, BASED ON CURRENT STATE GUIDELINES. FOLLOWING ALL PROTOCOLS.

QUESTION: IS THERE CONCERN ABOUT WORK SPACE? I HAVE VERY SMALL SPACE WITH NO WINDOWS AND SEE LOTS OF STUDENTS IN THIS SMALL SPACE.

ANSWER: YES, WE HAVE BEEN GOING TO MANY BUILDINGS AND ASSESSING SPACES. PRINCIPALS ARE LOOKING FOR OTHER SPACES FOR THOSE WORKERS. YOU MAY BE REMOTING INTO CLASSES.

QUESTION: IF WE STOP TRAVELING STAFF WILL WE ADD MORE PSYCHOLOGISTS, OT, PT ETC?

ANSWER: WE ARE WORKING WITH MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES (CARES ACT) TO IDENTIFY AND COVER GAPS FROM COVID.

QUESTION: IF REMOTE WILL IT BE STRICTLY ONLINE OR WILL THERE BE PACKETS AVAILABLE AS WELL?

ANSWER: WE ARE CONSIDERING THAT AND OTHER PHYSICAL LEARNING MATERIALS. THIS HAS COME UP IN PAST GROUPS.

QUESTION: WILL COUNSELORS BE ABLE TO GO INTO CLASSROOMS FOR LESSONS OR WILL WE BE REMOTE AS WELL?

ANSWER: IT DEPENDS. IF WE GO HYBRID WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT AND HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT IT. YOU MAY BE ZOOMING IN REMOTE.

COMMENT: THERAPIST WORK SPACES AND SMALL SPACES ARE A BIG CONCERN.

QUESTION: HIGH NEED STUDENTS ARE OFTEN THE ONES THAT REQUIRE HAND OVER HAND ASSISTANCE PHYSICAL CUES, TAPS FOR DIRECTIONS NOT SURE HOW WILL WE WORK WITH THREE FEET.

ANSWER: WE WON'T MAKE ANYBODY DO ANYTHING THAT MAKES THEM FEEL UNSAFE. THAT MEANS THAT SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES MAY LOOK DIFFERENT. WE WILL DO OUR BEST BUT MAKE SURE WE KEEP KIDS AND STAFF SAFE.

QUESTION: IF WE ARE ALL BACK IN GUIDANCE OFFICE ARE WE ABLE TO SHUT OUR DOORS WHEN WORKING WITH STUDENTS WHO ARE UPSET DESPITE NO WINDOWS? ALSO WILL WE BE DOCUMENTING ALL STUDENTS WHEN ENTERING FOR CONTACT TRACING?

ANSWER: WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN SAFETY PROTOCOLS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE GUIDANCE THAT DOORS HAVE TO REMAIN OPEN BUT AS MUCH DISTANCE AS POSSIBLE. AS LONG AS DISTANCE CAN BE MAINTAINED THE DOOR CAN BE CLOSED.

QUESTION: WILL WE BE DOCUMENTING ALL STUDENTS FOR CONTACT TRACING?

RITA: WE WILL BE DOCUMENTING ALL STUDENT TRAVEL FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTACT TRACING DUE TO COVID CONCERNS. WE WOULD BE DOING OUR OWN CONTACTS FOR OUR BUILDINGS AS TO WHO WAS WITH A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL THAT TESTED POSITIVE.

QUESTION: WILL WE BE CREATING OUR OWN FORM TO DOCUMENT STUDENTS COMING IN AND OUT OF GUIDANCE OFFICE OR A SPECIFIC FORM?

ANSWER: WE WILL NEED TO DEVELOP SOMETHING. PERHAPS AN APPOINTMENT BOOK SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO CONTACT TRACE.

COMMENT: WE USED TO HAVE A SIGN IN SHEET IN GUIDANCE AND THEY USED TO SIGN IN BEFORE SEEING A COUNSELOR. PERHAPS WE COULD BRING THAT BACK.

QUESTION: IF TEACHERS, STAFF, OR STUDENT CONTRACTS COVID WILL SCHOOL CLOSE? WHAT IS PROTOCOL?

ANSWER: PROTOCOLS FOLLOWED. COMMUNICATION FOR EVERYONE IS KEY AND WILL BE DONE ACCORDINGLY. THE DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT IS CLOSER THAN SIX FEET, NOT WEARING A MASK AND TOGETHER FOR A PERIOD OF LONGER THAN 15 MINUTES.

QUESTION: MANY STAFF MEMBERS HAVE SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AT HOME. WILL THERE BE A CHILDCARE OPTION?

ANSWER: THAT WE KNOW IS A REAL ISSUE. WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT CHILDCARE IS GOING TO BE VERY COMPLICATED. WE WILL BE TAKING A REAL LOOK AT THAT.

QUESTION: ARE CLEANING SUPPLIES LIKE CLOROX WIPES INCLUDING IN PROVIDED PPE?

ANSWER: NO THEY ARE NOT.

QUESTION: SHARED SPACE WORKERS POSE A CONCERN. WHERE WILL THEY WORK?

ANSWER: WE ARE AWARE OF THIS AND WILL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE AN APPROPRIATE SPACE AND IF WE CAN'T DO THAT THEN WE WOULD BE LOOKING INTO REMOTE OPTION.

QUESTION: WILL TEACHERS. COUNSELORS STUDENTS BE PROVIDED WITH FACE SHIELD?

ANSWER: YES, IT IS AVAILABLE.

QUESTION: WILL PRESCHOOL BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN? WE NEVER HAD REGISTRATION.

ANSWER: YES, WE WILL HAVE SOME KIND OF OPTION.

QUESTION: IF A SPECIALIST IS NOT SCHEDULED TO WORK ONE ON ONE WITH A PARTICULAR STUDENT ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY WOULD THERE BE AN OPTION TO BE ABLE TO WORK REMOTELY FOR THAT DAY? FOR INSTANCE A LOT OF SCORING AND WRITING CAN BE COMPLETED OUT OF THE OFFICE.

ANSWER: WE WILL BE LOOKING INTO THAT. WHATEVER IS MOST PRACTICAL.

QUESTION: WILL FURNITURE NEED TO BE ADDRESSED? I TEACH AT TABLES.

ANSWER: YES, WE ARE AWARE OF THAT ISSUE. WE ARE LOOKING AT THAT. AS WE TAKE A LOOK AT HYBRID WE WILL NEED TO EITHER SPACE OUT EFFECTIVELY OR PURCHASE FURNITURE.

QUESTION: WHAT WILL PROTOCOL BE FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL NEED TO BE RESTRAINED?

ANSWER: WE HAVE PROTOCOL IN PLACE FOR SUMMER: GOWNS, GOGGLES, GLOVES WILL NEED TO BE PROPERLY COVERED. IF WE HAVE TO, WE WOULD HAVE STAFF PUT ON THE NECESSARY PPE. WE HAVE LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS, FACE SHIELDS, GLOVES, AND MASKS AVAILABLE.

QUESTION: CAN YOU TALK MORE ABOUT LOGISTICS OF HYBRID? HOW WILL STAFF DO BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE?

ANSWER: THE HYBRID MODEL WILL BE CHALLENGING. WE ARE WORKING ON COHORT PLANS. WE MAY DEVELOP REMOTE LEARNING TEAM. POSSIBLY INCLUDING HIGH RISK TEACHERS.

QUESTION: WILL ISOLATION QUARANTINE DAYS BE SICK DAYS?

ANSWER: THEY WOULD NOT BE SICK DAYS. THEY WOULD BE PAID DAYS.

QUESTION: WOULD BEING WITH SOMEONE FOR MORE THAN 15 MINUTES WITH A MASK COUNT AS CLOSE CONTACT? OR SOME OTHER COMBINATIONS OR IS IT ONLY ALL THREE CRITERIA?

ANSWER: IT'S THOSE THREE CRITERIA. IT MAY CHANGE.

QUESTION: DO WE HAVE WIPES AVAILABLE FOR TEACHERS OR JUST SPRAY?

ANSWER: WE ARE WORKING ON IT. WIPES ARE LESS AVAILABLE SO WE HAVE SPRAY AS OF RIGHT NOW.

QUESTION: THERAPISTS DON'T HAVE COVERAGE OR SUBSTITUTES IF WE ARE SICK OR HAVE TO QUARANTINE WILL WE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSED SERVICES?

ANSWER: THERE WILL BE PARENTS WHO ASK FOR COMPENSATORY SERVICES. IF YOU'RE SICK YOU'RE SICK AND I WILL DEAL WITH THAT IF NEEDED. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT A POOL OF LOCAL ALUMNI TO PROVIDE CHILDCARE?

ANSWER: WE WILL TAKE A LOOK. WE WOULD NEED FUNDING FOR THAT. PROBABLY LIABILITY ISSUES, DAY CARE STANDARDS.

QUESTION: WILL THERE BE A WAY FOR US TO REGROUP DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO MODIFY PROCEDURES AS NEEDED? I CAN IMAGINE THERE WILL BE AT LEAST A FEW UNFORESEEN NEEDS THAT WILL COME UP ACROSS BUILDINGS.

ANSWER: YES, CONSTANT COMMUNICATION AS THINGS DEVELOP. NO SURPRISES.

QUESTION: COULD YOU BRIEFLY SPEAK OF HIGH RISK STUDENTS IN SUB SEPARATE PROGRAMS?

ANSWER: WE WILL ADD AGAIN THERE WILL BE SPECIFIC MEETING FRIDAY ON THIS TO REALLY DIG IN. WE ARE PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT SUB SEPARATE STUDENTS WILL BE BACK FACE TO FACE. OTHER STUDENTS SUCH AS RESOURCE ROOM ARE STILL IN WORKS.

QUESTION: IS ANYONE AWARE WHETHER THE BOTTLE SPRAY AND PAPER TOWELS WILL WORK WELL FOR CLEANING TEST MATERIALS BETWEEN STUDENTS THE STIMULUS BOOKS ARE NOT WATERPROOF?

ANSWER: I WILL HAVE TO RESEARCH THIS. STIMULUS BOOKS NEED TO BE CLEANED.

QUESTION: IF LUNCH IS IN CLASSROOM WILL TEACHERS STILL GET A DUTY FREE LUNCH? WILL WE HAVE ASSISTANCE IN THE ROOM TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARE SOCIALLY DISTANCING AND NOT SHARING FOOD? CLASSROOM WILL ALSO NEED TO BE CLEANED AFTER LUNCH WILL THERE BE CLEANING SUPPLIES IN THE CLASSROOM WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

ANSWER: THE GOAL IS HANDLED AS NORMAL AS POSSIBLE. YES, PREP LUNCH WILL BE MAINTAINED. WILL HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT ASSISTANCE IN ROOM.

QUESTION: WILL PARENTS BE EXPLICITLY INFORMED WITH ANYTHING WE ARE DOING?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SPOKEN TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AND AM CONFIDENT WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED. WE ARE CONDUCTING MEETS, ORIENTATIONS, AND PROVIDING ONGOING COMMUNICATION.

QUESTION: WHAT WILL WE DO WITH UPSET STUDENTS WHO ARE HAVING ANXIETY ATTACKS IN REGARDS TO FORCED MASK WEARING?

ANSWER: WE WILL BE ADDRESSING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ON A CASE BY CASE BARRING ANY MEDICAL OR DISABILITY REASONS. WE ALSO NEED TO SUPPORT SOCIAL EMOTIONAL ISSUES. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE MASK BREAKS BUILT IN.

QUESTION: ARE STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY ON A PLAN FOR ANXIETY AND PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY REACHED OUT CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILD HAVING TO WEAR A MASK WILL THEY HAVE TO GET A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM A DOCTOR OR ARE WE GOING TO ADD IT AS AN ACCOMMODATION ON THEIR IEP?

ERIN: WE WILL NEED TO REALLY LOOK INTO IT BEFORE PUTTING IN 504 OR IEP. STUDENT AND SAFETY IS A PRIORITY.

ANSWER: ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS IF THEY HAVE MEDICAL CONDITION THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK. AGAIN, WE HAVE RUTH JONES SO WE CAN USE HER AND REACH OUT IF NECESSARY. I AM NOT SURE IF A DOCTORS NOTE WILL BE REQUIRED. WE WILL LOOK INTO IT.

QUESTION: WILL WAIVER BE REQUESTED FROM STATE REGARDING VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS AS THE EQUIPMENT IS SHARED BETWEEN EVERY STUDENT AND NURSE? OTHER STATES HAVE WAIVED THESE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR ONLY.

ANSWER: I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY. AS OF NOW WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO BUT WE WILL LOOK INTO IT.