

Minutes of the **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** of the **DOVER BOARD OF EDUCATION** of Dover, Ohio, held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic on **July 22, 2020** at **7:00 A.M.**

President John Maxwell called the meeting to order. Roll Call: Ms. Elizabeth Lauber, Mr. Steve Mastin, Mr. Kyle Stemple, Mr. Michael Studer and Mr. John Maxwell.

64-20 Mr. Mastin motioned to approve the following personnel recommendations. Ms. Lauber seconded the motion.

- **Tennille Williams** – Approved transfer to Curriculum Coordinator with twenty-five extended service days for the 2020-2021 school year and up to five extended duty days prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year at per diem rate

Yeas: Mr. Mastin, Ms. Lauber, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer, Mr. Maxwell

There was a discussion of job responsibilities of the Curriculum Coordinator.

65-20 Mr. Mastin moved and Ms. Lauber seconded the motion to approve the following recommendation:

- Approved the restart plan for the 2020-2021 school year and if circumstances remain as they are today, based on the recommendation of the Tuscarawas County Health Department, we would start the year in A2: Modified Face-to-Face learning.

Yeas: Mr. Mastin, Ms. Lauber, Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer, Mr. Maxwell

There was a discussion of using task force groups to plan.

The Board of Education thanked staff for their work.

Outlined communication plan moving forward. The district is working on a more detailed plan to guide trainings and provide information to parents.

66-20 At 7:50 a.m., Mr. Stemple motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Studer.

Yeas: Mr. Stemple, Mr. Studer, Ms. Lauber, Mr. Mastin, Mr. Maxwell

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

DOVER CITY SCHOOLS: RESPONSIBLE RESTART 2020

General Principles:

1. Dover School personnel will work closely with the Ohio Department of Health and the Tuscarawas County Health Department to promote safety of our students. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 among our staff or students, we will work with health officials to implement the appropriate steps.
2. Dover's plan reflects the most up-to-date information available at the time of development and is subject to change as additional or new information becomes available.
3. The safety of our staff and students is our top priority. Some level of risk will always be present when children and staff occupy school district facilities. Following safety guidelines not only allows us to reopen but will best allow us to remain open, keeping students in school and maximizing learning.
4. Dover staff recognize the need for consistency in areas of operations while recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some differences in practices in each of our buildings.
5. If teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism outpaces the availability of substitutes, the district/building/class may have a need to switch to remote learning.

The following chart will help guide our decisions as to status for Face-to-Face Instruction.

		Ohio Public Health Advisory System Public Emergency Alert Level
A1	Yellow	1: Active exposure and spread. Follow all health orders.
A1 or A2	Orange	2: Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.
A2	Red	3: Very high exposure and spread. Limit Activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.
Remote	Purple	4: Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

2020-2021 Learning Options for Students:

Families will have the choice of (A) Face-to-Face Instruction or (B) Enrolling their student in the Online Academy. Upon selection of Option A, there will not be a choice between Options A1 (100% Face-to-Face Instruction) or A2 (Modified Face-to-Face Instruction). This decision will be made by school officials in coordination with the Ohio Public Health Advisory System and Tuscarawas County Health Department and may fluctuate during the course of the school year.

A. Face-to-Face Instruction in Our Schools

Operating scenarios for In-Person Instruction include (A1) a 100% face-to-face model, as well as (A2) a modified version with additional safeguards in place

B. Online Learning from Home

There will be a 100% Online Academy option for all current Dover students/families. This is a *one-semester commitment* for students to take all courses online. The district will use a software program designed for virtual learning but Dover teacher(s) will facilitate the program. The deadline for registration for the fall semester is Wednesday, August 5.

POTENTIAL OPERATING SCENARIOS FOR OPTION A: FACE-TO-FACE INSTRUCTION

These scenarios could change based upon guidance/information from the Tuscarawas County Health Department and the Ohio Public Health Advisory System.

A1: Face-to-Face Instruction:

FOR K-12: Face-to-Face Instruction 5 days per week

A2: Modified Face-to-Face Instruction:

GRADES K-3: Face-to-Face Instruction 5 days per week * Remote Learning Only If Needed
 GRADES 4-12: Face-to-Face Instruction 2 days per week * Remote Learning 3 days per week
Students in Grades 4-12 will be split into A/B groups with an effort made to families/households being in the same groups.

Health and Safety Efforts in Place During A1 and A2:

- **Social Distancing Efforts:** We will strive for six feet between student desks in all classrooms, Visual cues of six feet distancing will be used in hallways and other common areas
- **Student Face Coverings:** Students are required to have a face mask with them at school each day. Masks are required on all buses, in common areas, and other areas where social distancing cannot be maintained. The district will be responsive to state and local health guidance -- there may be additional times that masks will be required for attendance. Medical exemptions for masks will be considered with written documentation from a physician. As is the current guidance of the Governor's Office and Ohio Department of Health, face coverings are strongly recommended at all times
- **Health Assessments:** (A1) Staff and students self-assess for symptoms prior to school; and (A2) Temperature checks for staff and students at start of school day may be required at certain times
- **Hand-Washing and Sanitizing:** Additional hand sanitizer stations will be placed in hallways and common areas, Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, Students will wash hands throughout the day
- **School Environment Cleaning and Disinfecting:** Cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting schedules will be developed for each building, Disinfecting products will be available in every classroom for staff use, Limiting students in the building on Wednesday will allow custodial staff to deep clean in the middle of the week, Buses will be sanitized between routes
- **Transportation:** Siblings seated together on buses, masks required for all riders
- **Other Considerations:** (A1) No visitors or volunteers, no field trips, no shared school supplies, breakfast and lunch served in classrooms as needed, no large group events,, and (A2) no lockers, some student special services may be adjusted

A3: Remote Learning

Remote Learning 5 days per week

*Teachers report to work or work remotely; students do not report to school
 Food Service will continue to be provided for families.*

Face-to-Face School will begin for all students on Tuesday, September 8.

Staff will return to Monday, August 17, per the original district calendar. There may be "phase-in days" and return-to-school activities for students and/or parents between August 24 and September 4. Since Dover CSD does not have air conditioning in K-8 classrooms, district staff will prepare for heat contingencies and potential Remote Learning days if/when needed.

Students' Daily Schedules:

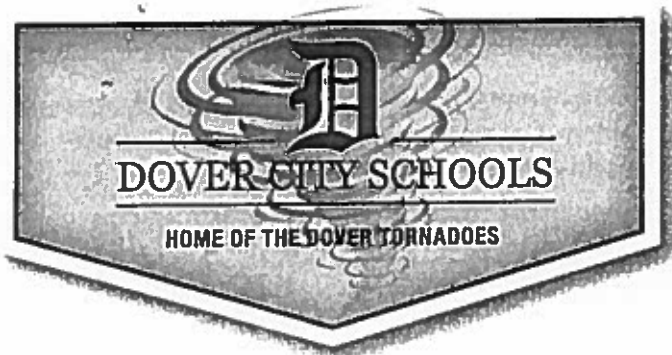
Dover High School: 7:45-2:25

Dover Avenue and Dover Middle School, 7:50 - 2:20

East Elementary and South Elementary: 9:10 -- 3:30

Athletics and ExtraCurriculars:

Middle and high school sports and extracurricular activities will proceed in accordance with OHSAA and public health guidance.



DOVER CITY SCHOOLS

Responsible Restart Plan

- ✓ **First Day of School for Face-to-Face instruction is Tuesday, September 8.**
- ✓ **The district will use August 17 through September 4 to provide staff, student and family training for online learning, connect with families, begin remote instruction and assess student needs.**

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Two Pathways for 2020-2021: FAMILY CHOICE

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Dover Online Academy

A 100% digital instruction program that allows a family to opt in to a fully online curriculum

- Taught by Dover teachers
- More info available at <https://www.dovertornadoes.com/DoverSchoolsResponsibleRestart2020Information.aspx>
- Registration Deadline for Fall: Wednesday, August 5.

Face-to-Face Instruction

Prioritizes Face-to-Face Instruction and includes flexible options A1 and A2 to meet safety guidelines that may change throughout the year

A1: FACE-TO-FACE WITH HEALTH PROTOCOLS

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A2: MODIFIED FACE-TO-FACE

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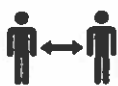
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We should all expect conditions to fluctuate throughout the school year. We encourage families choosing the Face-to-Face Option to plan for all scenarios (A1-A3). We will make an announcement on or before Friday, August 14, with the level that we expect to be at on Tuesday, September 8.

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Corresponding Dover Schools Face-to-Face Instruction Options			
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