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Sammy McClure Middle School

August 21, 2020

Dear McClure Middle School In-Person Instruction Parents/Guardians:

Before the school year began we shared that this would be a school year unlike any other, and that there would be challenges ahead that would require us to adjust, adapt, and be flexible. We knew that would especially be true at a school like McClure, which has twice the enrollment of the next largest middle school in Paulding County. Unfortunately, we continue to see new cases of COVID-19 among students and staff. The challenges associated with COVID-19 continue and will require us to adapt our plan for in-person instruction to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.

The plan we have developed will reduce the number of students on campus by half, will reduce hallway congestion, will improve traffic flow during class transitions, and will help mitigate other challenges we have identified since in-person instruction started.

- **Monday-Thursday (Aug. 24-27) will be normal schedule**
- **Friday (Aug. 28) all students will participate in Digital Learning remotely.**
- **Beginning Monday (Aug. 31) in-person instruction at McClure MS will move to a hybrid schedule that combines in-person instruction with Digital Learning.**

Here is how it will work:

If student last name begins A-K, you are: **Group AK**

If student last name begins L-Z, you are: **Group LZ**

Beginning Monday August 31, 2020	
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	
GROUP AK	On-campus, in-person instruction
GROUP LZ	Online Digital Learning
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS	
GROUP AK	Online Digital Learning
GROUP LZ	On-campus, in-person instruction
FRIDAYS	
ALL STUDENTS	Online Digital Learning to complete assignments and participate in individual or small group support as needed. Please look for announcements from your teachers regarding virtual tutoring sessions for students.

NOTE: Students residing in the same household will not be split up. Families that wish to keep all students in their household on the same schedule should go by the last name of the oldest child.

DIGITAL LEARNING

On days that students are home for Digital Learning, teachers will post assignments and expectations for that day on Canvas **by 9:00 a.m.**

IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

Arrival and dismissal times/processes will remain the same.

Our intent is to return to full in-person instruction as soon as possible. In the coming weeks we will re-evaluate the plan along with the COVID-19 environment to determine if or when a return to full in-person instruction is feasible.

We apologize for any inconvenience this schedule change may cause, but hopefully we all can agree that the health and safety of our students and staff takes precedence over any other considerations. As a parent, the most proactive measures you can take to keep classrooms safe and healthy are to screen your child's health according to the following guidelines:

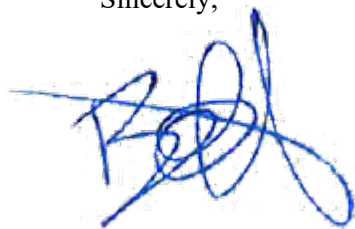
1. Check your child's temperature at least twice a day.
2. Check for COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

If your child exhibits any of these COVID-19 symptoms, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend you contact your child's healthcare provider as soon as possible. In addition, please notify the school front office as it is imperative that students who are showing symptoms stay home and quarantine.

Please know that any students and staff who are confirmed cases of COVID-19, along with any identified close contacts, must quarantine according to DPH guidelines and cannot return to school until they have completed all the requirements of the DPH's guidance for persons infected with COVID-19.

Thank you for continuing to be flexible as we adapt our plans to ensure the safest and healthiest possible learning environment at McClure Middle School. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this schedule, please reach out to the school at 770-505-3700.

Sincerely,



Brian Otott
Superintendent



Jaynath Hayes
Principal