



Dan Ronk, Superintendent

TO: Delphi School Family

SUBJECT: Starting the 2020-2021 School Year

DATE: June 25, 2020

We are receiving many questions and concerns regarding starting school this fall. Later, we will be sharing a COVID Handbook to students, parents, and staff that will attempt to make expectations clear. The purpose of this letter is to inform all parties on some of the “basics” regarding returning to school.

1. Delphi will continue with the 20-21 Calendar that was adopted with the starting date of August 6th for students.
2. Delphi will not have partial days or split schedules to begin the year. The school day will be as it has been in the past. The only changes will likely be perhaps having an extra lunch period at the MS and HS and the Elementary lunches being more spread out. Students will eat in the cafeteria, not in classrooms.
3. There is no Early Release for Wednesdays to begin the 20-21 school year. We will plan to use as much instructional time as possible in case of the need to have any “shut-down” time due to state or local mandates.
4. You will hear more about masks specifically, but they will not be mandated. We are implementing social distancing as best we can but in instances where that is not possible, we will strongly encourage wearing masks – riding the buses would be such a time.
5. We will be contacting parents in July after the Delphi COVID Handbook has been made available to ask what plan parents have for the 20-21 school year – 1) regular enrollment, 2) some type of Remote learning provided through the school, or Home Schooling. We will need this feedback to plan our classes and determine how to best use our staff.

I am sure you have many other questions and we will try to address most of those with the Handbook. This will be a time of rapid and fluid change that we will not always be able to control at the local level. We want students back in school for their learning and social/emotional health. That is our goal.