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West Virginia Board of Education Motion Adopted Regarding In-person Instruction for West Virginia Schools

Motions:

I move that the WVBE adopt the following parameters for in-person instruction:

- » The WVBE desires to return students to in-person learning and to ensure that students, teachers, and staff can do so safely. The Board recognizes that in-person learning is the best mode in which to foster a student's intellectual, social-emotional, and physical growth and well-being.
- » To continue to ensure that schools remain safe for students, teachers, and staff, education leaders at the local level are directed to continue monitoring and enforcing the WVDE's six identified mitigation strategies, especially mask wearing.
- » Parents will continue to have the ability to choose a virtual learning option for their children.

For all PreK-8 students in West Virginia

- » PreK-8 schools will attend in-person instruction regardless of their county's color on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) County Alert System map.
- » All PreK-8 students will resume in-person instruction on January 19. Counties do not have the option to implement full countywide remote learning for PreK-8 students. However, a local county board of education retains the authority to work with local health officials and to close individual classrooms or schools when a specific health need related to that classroom or school is identified. Such closures shall be of limited duration and related to the specific health need of the school or classroom. Teachers and staff will continue to provide essential student support services including meals, student engagement, all special education services and support to at-risk students.
- » Counties are encouraged to resume in-person instruction 4 or 5 days per week on January 19.
- » Counties have the option to utilize blended instruction models beginning January 19. Blended models must provide each student with in-person instruction at least 2 days per week.

For West Virginia students in grades 9 through 12

- » High schools will attend school in-person unless their county is red on the DHHR County Alert System map. In-person instruction may consist of blended learning models for students in grades 9-12.
- » Consistent with the practice that has been in place since the start of the 2020-2021 school year, high schools will move to remote learning the day after the county turns red on the DHHR County Alert System map.
- » High schools may stay in remote learning until the following Monday.
- » If the county is not red on the DHHR daily map on Saturday, in-person instruction will resume on the following Monday.
- » A county superintendent may determine and direct that a county will resume in-person learning without waiting until the following Monday.
- » If the county is still in red status on Saturday or Sunday, remote learning will continue for another week unless the county superintendent directs the resumption of in-person instruction earlier
- » A local county board of education retains the authority to work with local health officials and to close individual classrooms or schools when a specific health need related to that classroom or school is identified irrespective of the county's color on the DHHR County Alert System map. Such closures shall be of limited duration and related to the specific health need of the school or classroom.
- » Even when a county is red on the DHHR County Alert System map, teachers and staff will continue essential student support services including meals, student engagement, all special education services and support to at-risk students.

Further:

- » Every Monday, the state superintendent shall provide the WVBE with an update regarding each county's status regarding the provision on in-person instruction via email.
- » The state superintendent, WVDE staff, and all county-level education leaders are directed to continue to provide educational information about the benefit and safety of the COVID vaccination to teachers, education staff, and community members and residents throughout the state.

Marion County Schools
Revised Second Semester Recovery Plan 1/22/2021
2020-2021

Marion County Schools will follow the West Virginia Board of Education Motion Adopted
1/13/2021 Regarding In-Person Instruction for West Virginia Schools

As we move into the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, the following information is subject to change along with guidance from the Governor's Office, the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia State Board of Education, the Local Health Department and the Marion County Board of Education. The West Virginia State Board of Education has the constitutional authority to make decisions governing West Virginia public schools.

In-Person Instruction will begin on January 25, 2021 according to the student's cohort at individual schools.

➤ **PreK-8 Schools:**

Students will attend blended in-person instruction regardless of Marion County's color on the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) County Alert System Map.

➤ **High Schools:**

Students in grades 9-12 will attend blended in-person instruction unless Marion County's color is red on the DHHR County Alert System map.

The second semester began on January 21, 2021.

- Marion County Schools will operate on the two-day blended instructional model with a 75 minute daily reduced schedule for students upon return January 25, 2021 and continue on that model until further notification. Marion County Schools utilized this same model the first semester with Cohort A attending Monday and Tuesday and Cohort B attending Thursday and Friday.
- Individual schools have completed their own registration for the second semester regarding blended, distance or West Virginia Virtual School. Please contact your respective schools for information regarding registration.

Please understand:

- Students who register for distance learning cannot switch until the end of the third nine weeks.
 - Students who register for blended learning may choose later to go to the distance learning model but must then stay there until the end of the third nine weeks. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
 - Students registered for the West Virginia Virtual School must remain there for the semester unless notified by the individual school in relation to Marion County Virtual School Policy 2370.01.
- Meals will be prepared at the individual schools on Wednesdays unless notified otherwise. Meal pick-up times and locations will be determined at the respective schools.
 - Buses will resume transporting students on January 25, 2021.

Marion County Students in Grades 9 through 12

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- High Schools may stay in remote learning until the following Monday.
- If the county is not red on the DHHR daily map on Saturday, in-person instruction will resume on the following Monday.
- A county superintendent may determine and direct that a county will resume in-person learning without waiting until the following Monday.

- If the county is still in red status on Saturday or Sunday, remote learning will continue for another week unless the county superintendent directs the resumption of in-person instruction earlier.

Additional Notes

- Marion County Schools retains the authority to work with local health officials and to close individual classrooms or schools when a specific health need related to that classroom or school is identified irrespective of the county's color on the DHHR County Alert System map. Such closures shall be of limited duration and related to the specific health need of the school or classroom.
- Even when a county is red on the DHHR County Alert System map, teachers and staff will continue essential student support services including meals, student engagement, all special education services and support to at-risk students.

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It is the goal of the Marion County Board of Education to return all students to full time, in-person instruction.