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Tentative 2020-2021 School Opening Plan

The Board of Trustees has agreed to a modified plan for opening the 2020-2021 school year. The plans include opening a new PK-5 elementary school and newly renovated middle and high schools. During the July 13 board meeting, contractors for Thompson and Turner Construction Company informed the board that the scheduled date for completion of the entire project had to be changed due to the COVID outbreak that occurred on the site in early June. As a result of the incidence, the entire project was shut down for two weeks. The presence of COVID in the country has also made it extremely difficult to have supplies shipped to the local site. The combination of these issues has caused the projected completion date to change. The district will not be able to move to the new location until the contractors receive the final approval from the Office of School Facilities which is scheduled for late August. The new occupancy date for the school is now scheduled for after Labor Day or early September. The district is still excited about the possibility of the opening of a new and renovated facility.

The plans for opening the school year include getting students back into classrooms safely. Because of the deferred opening of the building, the district plans to open school virtually on August 24, 2020, as scheduled. Students will participate in LEAP Week (Learn, Evaluate, Analyze and Prepare) during the week of August 17. Only students in grades Pre-K - 8th grade will participate in the week-long session. Students will be divided into groups so that only small groups can attend at one time, either on August 17-18 or August 19-21. Parents will be notified of which days their child should attend. The intent of LEAP is to:

- focus on data analysis
- revisiting prior content skills
- diagnostic activities
- social and emotional preparation
- review of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and
- establishing routines and procedures.

LEAP has been suggested by the State Department of Education and approved by the General Assembly to provide face-to-face assessment activities and/or instruction for students.

Attendance on these days are required. Please allow your child to attend. This will be a great opportunity for teachers and students to reunite.

Teachers will return to school on August 10 and students will return on August 24. The opening of school for the first three weeks will be virtual because the new building isn't ready for occupancy. Beginning the week of September 14, the district will open the new building.

Parents will have the option of enrolling students in an alternative two-day A/B schedule where students will attend on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday. Teacher professional development day will be held on Friday and the schools will have the opportunity to deep clean the building for students' entrance the following Monday.

Parents may use the virtual option for students and distance learning will be provided remotely. Parents will be required to inform each school which option they will use to educate their child during the 2020-2021 school year. Forms will be completed during the first three weeks of virtual school.

Protecting the health, safety and wellness of students and staff while giving students the best possible learning experience is the goal for Denmark-Olar School District Two.

Plans are in place to provide Chromebooks for all students, Pre-K-12. WIFI hot spots will be provided for access where internet connections are poor or nonexistent. Social distancing, deep cleaning, wearing of masks, cleaning of busses, limiting occupancy on buses, sanitizing rooms and cafeterias, are all procedures that be closely practiced. Parents may contact the schools to receive further instructions from their child's school.



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August 10-14

Teacher Professional Development

August 17

LEAP Week To Prepare Students For Upcoming School Year

- All Pk-8 Students Test Assessment

August 24

School Begins (All Virtual Instruction)

Contact your child's school for registration and information

September 14

New School Facility Opens

Parents must decide on the following student instruction delivery:

Hybrid A/B Schedule—Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday

OR

All Virtual Classes

Parents must complete a selection form to denote their choice for the 2020-2021 school year.

The status of COVID-19 will continue to be monitored to determine if plans need to be altered due to the progression of the virus.