

PLEASANT LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Pleasant Families and Community,

I hope this finds you enJOYing the summer! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for your support during the spring of 2020. It was certainly a unique time in history and I am proud to have gone through it with all of you!

Pleasant Local Schools plans to begin school in the fall as normal. Pleasant is currently working to implement a plan which encompasses social distancing to the extent which is possible, increase the intensity and frequency of cleaning and sanitizing, minimize student and staff travel throughout the building, minimize nonessential visitors from entering the buildings, and communicate clear health guidelines. Furthermore, Pleasant is prepared to continue with daily instruction through distance learning should a student become quarantined. Our opening plan will be based upon the guidelines of Marion's Health Department and the Ohio Department of Education.

Additionally, Pleasant has chosen to use dollars from the CARES Act, to purchase additional iPads to ensure that each student has access to a personal device should he/she need to move to a distance learning format. Additionally, our staff has been busy participating in professional learning regarding the usage of online tools to enhance and improve instruction. Next year, each teacher will be using Canvas as a learning and communication platform. It will improve communication between school and home and provide a consistent launching point for all stakeholders. Canvas will eliminate the need for parents to keep track of various teacher websites and social media accounts, as Canvas will house all of these communication tools in one place.

I would also like to remind families that if you have a child, kindergarten age, we ask that you contact our elementary school so we can get your child enrolled. Kindergarten screening will be Thursday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will be offering a variety of times in order to accommodate families and to respect social distancing. We will be contacting all families who have registered their child to ensure they are signed up. If you do not have a child kindergarten age, but know someone who does, please help us prepare for the 2020-21 school year by sharing this information with him or her.

Finally, for any family, who desires to keep their child(ren) home for the 2020-21 school year, Pleasant will be offering an online distance learning option. Pleasant staff will oversee this learning option. Details regarding instruction and assessment will be coming in the near future. In order to adjust and plan for staffing, parents will need to make this decision by July 15th and will be required to sign a contract stating this is the option they will use for the duration of the 2020-21 school year. At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, families will have the option to return to face-to-face learning or to continue with the online distance learning option. Sign ups, along with additional details will be coming out at the end of June.

For the most up to date information, please continue to visit our district website at www.pleasantlocalschools.org. If you haven't filled out the Community Experience Survey, please do so. Your feedback is much appreciated and will be used to help us continue to better meet your needs. This survey can be found on our district website.

Thank you and as always, please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Adams, Superintendent
Pleasant Local Schools

Committed to **Unleashing** the **Potential** to all Community Members.

Our **Spartan Strong** Culture is Fundamental to all Previous Current and Future Success!