



# Guiding Principles

## FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

### OPPORTUNITY

Like all Ohio school districts, CMSD's educational system was altered significantly when the Governor ordered all schools closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From that challenge came an opportunity for us to address the digital divide and other inequities as we fully commit ourselves to ensuring every CMSD scholar has access to a quality education and the tools needed for success. A new school year with varied learning methods provides an opportunity for us to deepen the work already begun at CMSD, with personalized, inquiry-based, mastery learning.

### EQUITY

The Coronavirus crisis and the nation's heightened awareness of racial inequality and social injustice challenges us to consider the role schools play in ensuring every child has an equal chance for success. That means recognizing the unique challenges and barriers faced by our individual students and families and providing the supports they need to overcome those barriers.

### SUCCESS

Providing every scholar with an equitable start and empowering them to succeed in school and in the colleges and careers that await them is integral to our commitment to Excellence in Learning and Teaching. CMSD educators strive to ensure that every child has an excellent education, one where learning is joyful and adventurous and where every child has an equal opportunity for success.

# Priorities

## FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

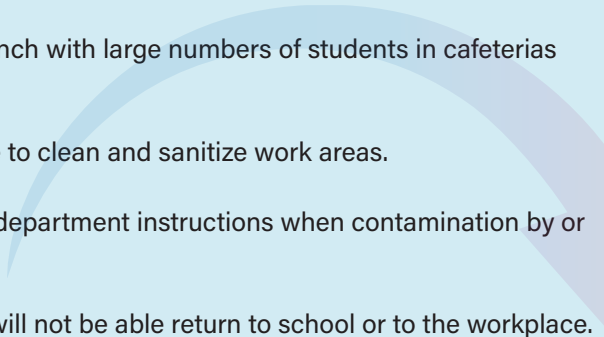
- Maintaining the health, safety and well being of our scholars and educators
- Exemplifying excellence and equity in learning and teaching
- Ensuring that learning is joyful, adventurous and aligned to a focused, unified core curriculum
- Supporting our scholars, educators and families in adapting to new methods and learning cycles
- Ensuring operational efficiency across the system
- Partnering with community organizations and leveraging local assets to more fully and equitably support our scholars, educators and families

# Anticipated Changes

## FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

When Governor Mike DeWine and state officials directed Ohio's school districts to prepare for the reopening of schools, they charged districts with developing plans for how best to develop educational scenarios that align with guidance of state and local health department officials. Because those guidelines call for social distancing and deep cleaning routines to avoid contamination and spread of COVID-19, staff, families and caregivers can assume that the school year will look and feel significantly different as we conform to a number of necessary changes to ensure the safety of our students, staff and families.

These include:

- Schools will not be able to transport 40-50 students on a bus.
  - Schools will not be able to hold class with 25 students in a classroom.
  - Schools will not be able to hold breakfast or lunch with large numbers of students in cafeterias at a single time.
  - Educators and school staff will need extra time to clean and sanitize work areas.
  - Schools will be required to adopt strict health department instructions when contamination by or contact with a known case is reported.
  - Some students and staff, for varying reasons, will not be able return to school or to the workplace.
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Given the strict health and safety guidance for social distancing and deep cleaning routines, it is highly likely that a “hybrid learning” scenario will be in play, with scholars learning in-person for part of the time and using a blended learning approach for other times. While we will do our very best to provide as many in-person learning opportunities for our scholars as possible, we will also rely on Ohio’s Public Health Advisory System (OPHAS) in making system-wide decisions. These include:

## **OPHAS Level 1 (Yellow) – Active Exposure and spread**

CMSD will provide daily, full-time instruction for all students while maintaining public health sanitation measures as outlined in Ohio’s School Reopening Guidance.

## **OPHAS Level 2 (Orange) – Increased exposure and spread**

**Exercise high degree of caution.** CMSD will provide a blended learning option with in-person instruction provided to all students for at least part of the week, and remote instruction provided for the balance of the week, while adhering to public health sanitation and social distancing measures as outlined in Ohio’s School Reopening Guidance. CMSD will also provide a complete virtual learning option for those students who cannot return to school.

## **OPHAS Level 3 (Red) – Very high exposure and spread**

**Limit activities as much as possible.** CMSD will provide a blended learning option with in-person instruction provided to all students for at least part of the week, and remote instruction provided for the balance of the week, while adhering to public health sanitation and social distancing measures as outlined in Ohio’s School Reopening Guidance. CMSD will also provide a complete virtual learning option for those students who cannot return to school.

## **OPHAS Level 4 (Purple) – Severe exposure and spread**

**Only leave home for supplies and services.** CMSD will provide remote learning for all students, with no in-person instruction provided during this period of time.

The CEO’s weekly messages to the community will provide important updates as our reopening plans are finalized.

# Reopening Calendar

## JULY

- 02 Governor DeWine releases guidelines for reopening schools in Ohio  
CEO Eric Gordon begins weekly messaging to families & community about the District's planning and preparation for reopening CMSD schools
- 24 Target date for CMSD Reopening Plan to be finalized and released to the public

## AUGUST

- 03 Staff in year-round schools return to work
- 12 Staff in all other CMSD schools return to work
- 24 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YEAR-ROUND STUDENTS ONLY**

## SEPTEMBER

- 08 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL TRADITIONAL AND EXTENDED-YEAR SCHOOLS**

