



PROFILE SCHOOL

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Profile Community:

Thank you for your continued support during this new frontier of education and life. I would not want to be in any other community, or be an educator at any other school during this time. The students, staff and community members have been the most compassionate, creative and caring group of individuals I have ever worked with in my life. Your continued input in our surveys is of utmost importance to planning the school year.

As we move forward into the 2020-2021 school year, I want you to know that our first priority is to have a safe return with as many students as possible with an in-person school setting. We want to be able to address our students' and our community needs.

I understand that you have hesitations and concerns for not only your families' health but also for your livelihood. We understand your feelings about sending your children to Profile, may change on a daily- if not hourly- basis. With this in mind, we have formed an advisory group of two school board members, two parents, two teachers, two paraprofessionals with Mr. Jacobs, and myself. This committee is responsible for vetting our reopening/reentry plans, and overseeing the seven different committees which are committed to providing the safest and most educationally sound plan possible.

We are planning for a full reopening of the school building. We have the capacity to have students safely in classrooms with a 6 ft distance space from one another with safety protocols in place. We will be prepared to go remote at a moment's notice.

Here are some initial thoughts on the matter:

- Families will be responsible for ensuring that all individuals entering our building, on a daily basis, are healthy and have not been at risk for COVID-19 exposure .
- Staff and students will be wearing masks when inside the building- we will have times where students and staff will have breaks without their masks.
- Students and staff will not be able to congregate in common areas, except in designated classrooms.
- Students and staff will be practicing proper hand hygiene & respiratory etiquette.
- Our custodial staff will be frequently sanitizing high traffic areas, classrooms and have added cleaners to clean the building daily.
- If students must share resources they will have the ability to use hand sanitizer before they do.
- Students and staff will be eating in their designated classrooms, with the 'grab and go' opportunity from our food service providers.

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- Schedules and movement around the building will be intentionally planned to minimize coming into direct contact with all students.
- Students and staff schedules are being designed to keep students in cohorts of 15-18 (maximum).
- Students and staff schedules are being designed to provide the best opportunity for students to be successful,
- We are designing three different learning models- In building; hybrid (half population of school in the building at a time, the other half remote) and remote.
- We are planning to provide every permissible co-curricular activity.
- Mr. Bartlett, our AD, is working closely with all North Country AD's and the NHIAA to establish a framework for fall sports. Fall Sports Preseason 8 September.

Our full plan will be available to our community once it has been approved by our school board.

Updated information will be available on our Profile website, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Amber Wright, our media specialist, has done a fabulous job of revamping our school website to better communicate with our community.

We are planning on opening school fully on September 8, 2020. We will be having a 'soft' opening for students to enter the building and learn the safety protocols, as well as learn new technology starting August 31, 2020. We are currently working on start times for all classes and entry points into the building. The school day for most of the students will be shortened for those families who can manage that schedule.

Upcoming Important dates:

14 August	Reopening plan complete
20 August	School Board Approval
24 August	Staff return
31 August	11th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
1 September	12th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
2 September	8th & 10th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
2 September	Parent night for 7th & 9th grade students (5:30)
3 September	7th & 9th grade orientation (8:00-11:30)
4 September	Holiday
7 September	Labor Day Holiday
8 September	Full school opening
8 September	Fall Sports preseason begins

Please be on the lookout for a postcard in the mail, detailing our new online registration platform in PowerSchool. We are available at school to provide support in this technology. Please update your information- for you to be able to have timely updates and information through email, phone and text alerts. As always, our website will provide the same information.

Thank you, and be well.
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