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Dear FASD Community:

The FASD Pandemic Team and Safety Committee have worked diligently over the last several weeks to create a health and safety plan that will allow the flexibility to open schools on September 8th in the safest possible manner. A plan has been created that outlines necessary environmental changes to reduce risk to our children, staff and families and also includes considerations of instructional delivery models that provides the level of education our students deserve.

The health and safety framework will be *accompanied* by an instructional delivery model that may or may not include the following options. The options will be reviewed and discussed by Board members at our next meeting, which is on July 27 as we adopt a plan of action for re-entry into the school. The adopted plan will continue to be reevaluated, as needed.

Possibilities for instructional delivery include:

- Students K-6 attend school Monday – Friday grouped in cohorts that allow students to remain separated in classrooms to the greatest extent possible.
- Students 7-12 attend school on alternating days and complete remote instruction on the days the students are not physically in the building. This will result in a reduction of approximately 50% of the students in a classroom.
- Students K-12 have the option of choosing the Fairfield Area School District cyber program.
- Students in the middle school will remain in their homeroom classrooms throughout the day.
- Teachers in the elementary school and middle school buildings rotate to the grade-level classrooms. Students remain with their assigned cohort within their homeroom classrooms throughout the day.
- Students attending County Technical Institute will attend ACTI every day.
- Exploratory teachers/classes in the middle school will be utilized to support the core classrooms.
- School libraries will not be open.
- Band and chorus will not be held at the elementary and middle school levels. Band and chorus at the high school level will be adjusted, as needed, to meet CDC recommendations.
- Lunch schedules at each building level will be adjusted, as needed, to meet CDC and government recommendations.
- The serving and delivery of lunches will be adjusted to meet CDC and government recommendations. This will include but not be limited to individually wrapped utensils and eliminating self-serve items.
- Protocols regarding wearing of masks, handwashing opportunities and filling of water bottles will be implemented at the building levels. (Water fountains designed to fill water bottles will be available throughout buildings).
- Student movement in the hallways will be adjusted and limited at the building levels.
- Students will be required to schedule appointments to visit the Nurse's office except in the event of an emergency.

Please feel free offer your questions and concerns prior to the school board meeting on 7/27 to questions@fairfield.k12.pa.us so we can continue to take into account all points of view.

We appreciate the community's dedication to safety, compromise and high standards in education.