



Richmond Heights Local Schools

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Dear Richmond Heights Local Schools Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff,

I trust that you are all well during these unsettling times.

As you may know, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (see the link below) has recommended that all schools start the new school year remotely. This recommendation is due primarily to the rising degree of community spread that Cuyahoga County is experiencing.

Richmond Heights Local Schools **WILL ONLY OFFER** Remote Online Learning for all students in grades PreK-12 for the start of the 2020-21 school year. No in-person instruction will be available, at this time, for the first quarter (9 weeks). Upon evaluation of our county's situation, we will re-evaluate this strategy. If the COVID-19 situation improves, we will pivot to our in-person and hybrid learning options as previously planned. This is one of the beauties of being a small, boutique school district, in that we can "pivot on a dime".

With respect to athletics, we are only offering cross country track and volleyball for the fall. You may recall that our district was given a 2-year hiatus on football until the completion of our new building. Our football field had been inaccessible due to the construction. Both track and volleyball are considered "no contact" sports and will continue as planned, with guidance from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA).

Our school calendar had been amended to allow for extensive professional development regarding effective remote teaching strategies. We also had built in a week of staggered orientation for students, whereby they could get their technology devices, textbooks and other instructional materials. We will maintain that same calendar. Students will begin classes (remotely) on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Details regarding our remote learning plan, orientation times, lunch distributions, etc. will be forthcoming. As always, we are in this together.

<https://www.ccbh.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CCBH-school-recs-7.30.20.pdf>

Sincerely,

Renée T. Willis, Ph.D.
Superintendent