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Dear MASD Parents, Guardians and Community,

Last week, I wrote to you and shared important information and the District's plans with you. As I was very hopeful to be able to provide live, in-person instruction to our students, so much uncertainty remains, and the clock continues to tick. With that said, I would like to take this time to present important information for your planning purposes.

As stated in my August 14, 2020 correspondence to you, I would like to offer a more in-depth understanding of what the education plans for the 2020-2021 School Year will look like. We are planning for five (5) modes of education. One model for learning is Traditional Instruction; two of the learning offerings are "Parent Choice"; and three models are "District Imposed", with one of the three being "State Imposed". It is my hope that the outline provided below and the chart provided clarifies the various modes of instruction:

## 1) Traditional Instruction – District Imposed

- a. The teacher has an assigned roster.
- b. Your child will come to the classroom every day for traditional in-person instruction. All State mandated orders and requirements to operate public schools in-person must be followed and adhered to.

## 2) Blended Model – Parent Choice

- a. The teacher has an assigned roster.
- b. Some students may come to the classroom every day for live instruction.
- c. Other students will stay at home and learn from the same Mifflinburg teacher remotely through that building's learning management platform.
- d. The teacher is responsible for responding to students who are learning remotely, checking for understanding, and communicating with families of those students learning remotely.
- e. The possibility exists that students who are learning remotely will have a Mifflinburg teacher for remote learning other than their assigned homeroom teacher. We are still working on our plans and need to consider the choices parents make.

## 3) Mifflinburg E-Learning Academy – Parent Choice

## 4) Hybrid – District Imposed

### Option A

- a. Students with last names that begin with A-M come to school Monday and Wednesday.
- b. Students with last names that begin with N-Z come to school Tuesday and Thursday.
- c. All students learn remotely on Friday.

## Option B

- a. K-5 Students follow the Blended Model outlined in Option 2.
- b. 6-12 Students follow the Remote Learning Model outlined in Option 5.

### 5) Remote Learning for All – District/State Imposed

*Note: A chart is provided for your reference at the end of this letter that shares the same information in this outline in table format.*

If I may reiterate, our planning and decision making took into consideration the goal of implementing school for a full marking-period, rather than a week to week basis, to avoid emergent disruption of all instruction. We certainly appreciate the desire to seek stability in the options we pursue, and we know that this is important for families also. In truth, I would like to offer more complete and absolute communications to you, but I am cautious about appearing to mislead anyone, because our directives have continued to change regularly, and we need to anticipate that they may change yet again.

Additionally, the State has enacted a [Universal Face Covering Order](#) which includes public schools. Healthcare professionals, the CDC, and PDE Guidance reinforce that mask-wearing is a key strategy for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. As a public entity, our District must implement the Governor's Executive Order and the Board approved Health and Safety Plan. Masks or Face Coverings are required, and proper mask wearing guidelines must be followed. If your child refuses to follow the Governor's mandate without justification, you must provide a medical note or choose an online learning option.

It is my hope that the Mifflinburg community understands and supports the District's response plans to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Our Team will continue to meet, monitor, and communicate all relevant information to you. The District will always take into consideration the student education experience, family considerations, safety, health and well-being of our children, staff, and extended families. We continue to work with health officials and experts to monitor the situation within this County and our District and will provide updates as warranted.

Lastly, as a reminder, the first day of school is **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**. If you have already printed or saved the 2020-2021 School Year calendar, please be sure to check that you have the most recent version that was revised and Board approved on August 11, 2020. That calendar can be found on the District website under the Parent tab.

Respectfully,

*Daniel Lichtel*

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Superintendent of Schools

**2020-2021 Instructional Models for Learning  
Mifflinburg Area School District**

	<b>Traditional Instruction</b>	<b>Blended Instruction</b>	<b>Mifflinburg e-Learning Academy</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>		<b>Total Remote for ALL Students</b>
	<b>District Imposed</b>	<b>Parent Choice</b>	<b>Parent Choice</b>	<b>District Imposed</b>		<b>District or State Imposed</b>
				<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Face-to-Face	Parents may choose remote learning with Mifflinburg Teachers and Mifflinburg Curriculum.	Virtual Learning with Outside- of- District Curriculum	Face-to-Face For Students with Last Names Beginning with A-M	K-5 Students follow the Blended Model.  Students in Grades 6-12 learn remotely.	100% Remote or Virtual Learning for ALL Students
<b>Tuesday</b>	Face-to-Face	Parents may choose remote learning with Mifflinburg Teachers and Mifflinburg Curriculum.	Virtual Learning with Outside- of- District Curriculum	Face-to-Face For Students with Last Names Beginning with N-Z	K-5 Students follow the Blended Model.  Students in Grades 6-12 learn remotely.	100% Remote or Virtual Learning for ALL Students
<b>Wednesday</b>	Face-to-Face	Parents may choose remote learning with Mifflinburg Teachers and Mifflinburg Curriculum.	Virtual Learning with Outside- of- District Curriculum	Face-to-Face For Students with Last Names Beginning with A-M	K-5 Students follow the Blended Model.  Students in Grades 6-12 learn remotely.	100% Remote or Virtual Learning for ALL Students
<b>Thursday</b>	Face-to-Face	Parents may choose remote learning with Mifflinburg Teachers and Mifflinburg Curriculum.	Virtual Learning with Outside- of- District Curriculum	Face-to-Face For Students with Last Names Beginning with N-Z	K-5 Students follow the Blended Model.  Students in Grades 6-12 learn remotely.	100% Remote or Virtual Learning for ALL Students
<b>Friday</b>	Face-to-Face	Parents may choose remote learning with Mifflinburg Teachers and Mifflinburg Curriculum.	Virtual Learning with Outside- of- District Curriculum	ALL Students Learn Remotely	K-5 Students follow the Blended Model.  Students in Grades 6-12 learn remotely.	100% Remote or Virtual Learning for ALL Students

*Please note the educational options identified in the table above could change based upon the community transmission spread rate(s). For example, if the rates continue to increase locally, a shift is possible to 100% virtual learning for all.*