



Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dear Starlight School Families,

We know you are wondering what the 2020-2021 Starlight School year will look like. As you may be aware, last week the Ohio Department of Education released its "Reset and Restart Guidance" document for reopening schools. The document contains a number of areas which we will need to consider and address before we are able to reopen Starlight School. These are areas such as health and safety, academic/instructional needs, transportation, food service, and other items related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently working to develop a school reopen plan to be in compliance with the guidelines in this document. In keeping with our goal of providing you information, we want to let you know of our school's reopening plan at this time (subject to change):

- A Blended Learning environment that will alternate by weeks with one group of students attending school in person while the other group of students receives education remotely. Each week the groups will switch, allowing for in person instruction every other week.
- This Blended Learning approach will allow the school to be disinfected and give 9 days between each group of students re-entering the school.

We will have a specific plan that will be in compliance with all State and health department requirements for reopening school and maintaining a safe environment for students and staff. Our goal is to complete and share the specifics of our Reopen/Restart School Plan with you in the beginning of August.

We know families may have suggestions or concerns about the reopening of Starlight School, especially utilizing the Blended Learning approach. We also know information may change before the start of school in August and we will do our best to keep you informed about any changes or issues that may directly affect you and your family. Over the next two weeks someone from the office will be reaching out to you to determine how many families are planning to send their students to school, and how many would like to receive 100% instruction at home. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work together for the success of our students.

Sincerely,

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