



METHACTON

PROPOSED OPENING PLAN

2020-2021

JULY 21, 2020

PRINCIPLES OF PLAN

- KEEP STUDENT AND STAFF SAFETY AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS
- ENSURE HIGH QUALITY AND STRUCTURED PROGRAM DELIVERY
- PLAN TO BEST MEET EXPERT/GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND TO MONITOR AND ADJUST FOR CHANGES
- GATHER AND CONSIDER FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARENTS AND STAFF
- PREPARE PLANS THAT BEST SUIT THE VARIED LEARNING AND SITUATIONAL NEEDS OF STUDENTS/FAMILIES
- KEEP VIRTUAL LEARNING AT FOREFRONT OF TEACHER PLANNING
- COMMUNICATE REGULARLY ABOUT PLAN AND EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL

PROCESS

- GATHER INPUT/FEEDBACK
 - SURVEYS
 - FOCUS GROUPS
 - CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
 - TRANSPORTATION, FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS
 - WELLNESS/FOOD/SAFETY
 - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS
- PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR PLANNING ONLINE INSTRUCTION
- CONTINUE REVIEWING/MONITORING GUIDANCE FROM EXPERTS
- DEVELOP DRAFT OF PLAN
- CREATE PEER/PARENT/STAFF PLAN/PANDEMIC TEAM REVIEW COMMITTEE
- PRESENT PLAN TO BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
- HOLD PARENT FEEDBACK SESSION
- APPROVE FINAL PLAN

GUIDANCE

CDC	Montgomery County DOH	Johns Hopkins
WHO	PA Dept. Of Health	P-Group Report
American Academy of Pediatricians	PDE	SickKids
CHOP	Carnegie Mellon	U.S. Dept. of Ed.
Bucks County DOH	Mathematica - REL Mid-	AASA
Chester County DOH	Atlantic	PIAA

- EVERYONE SHOULD REMAIN MINDFUL THAT AS LONG AS THERE ARE CASES OF COVID-19 IN THE COMMUNITY, THERE ARE NO STRATEGIES THAT CAN COMPLETELY ELIMINATE TRANSMISSION RISK WITHIN A SCHOOL POPULATION. THE GOAL IS TO KEEP TRANSMISSION AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND TO SAFELY CONTINUE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

THE PLAN

- GIVEN ALL THE GUIDANCE
- GIVEN THE GOVERNORS' ORDERS
 - ON FACE COVERINGS
 - SAFELY REOPENING ON PREMISES DURING YELLOW AND GREEN PHASES
- GIVEN PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STAFF FEEDBACK
- GIVEN WHAT WE KNOW AT THIS POINT
 - BASED ON GOVERNORS PANDEMIC COLOR PHASES
 - WHEN IN RED – ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ON METHACTON ONLINE
 - WHEN IN YELLOW AND GREEN – PARENT CHOICE
 - ON PREMISES 5 DAYS PER WEEK
 - OR
 - ON LINE 5 DAYS PER WEEK



ON PREMISES

OPTIONS



METHACTON ON-LINE

**TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING
WITH MODIFICATIONS FOR:**

- SYMPTOM SCREENING
- SOCIAL DISTANCING
- FACE COVERINGS
- CLEANING/SANITATION/DISINFECTION
- COMMUNICATIONS

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM FEATURING:

- BLEND OF SYNCHRONOUS AND ASYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION
- LIVE SYNCHRONOUS INSTRUCTION VIA ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM (ZOOM)
- CONSISTENT ROUTINES AND DAILY SCHEDULE SIMILAR TO ON PREMISES
- MIX OF WHOLE CLASS, SMALL GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL CONNECTIONS
- INSTRUCTION PLANNED, DELIVERED AND SUPPORTED BY METHACTON STAFF



ON PREMISES

SYMPTOM SCREENING

- DAILY SYMPTOM SCREENING REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF
- REMEMBERING THIS PHRASE – “IF I FEEL ILL- STAY HOME”
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EXCLUSION GUIDE

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- LEARNING SPACES; FOOD; TRANSPORTATION, ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL; STUDENT SERVICES

FACE COVERINGS

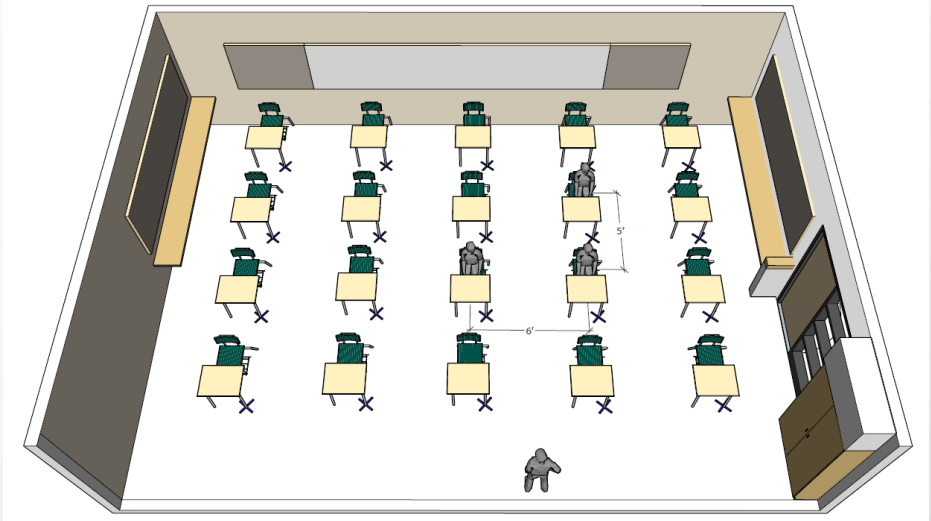
- ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES

CLEANING/SANITATION/DISINFECTION

- ARE ALL PART OF ENHANCED PERSONAL AND BUILDING ROUTINES.

COMMUNICATIONS

- TO STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STAFF ON FREQUENT BASIS IS CRITICAL TO THE LONG TERM COMPLIANCE WITH PLAN AND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY
- A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVIDS-19



FACE COVERINGS

- ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES
- STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN:
 - BOARDING AND RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS
 - ENTERING A SCHOOL BUILDING
 - IN THE HALLWAYS WITHIN A SCHOOL BUILDING
 - WHEN ENTERING AND LEAVING A ROOM
 - WHEN SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6' IS NOT POSSIBLE
 - WHEN INSTRUCTED BY A TEACHER TO PERFORM AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY
 - WHEN TRAVELING TO AND FROM OR IN A RESTROOMS
 - WHEN IN THE CAFETERIA OTHER THAN EATING OR DRINKING
- STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE PERMITTED TO REMOVE THEIR FACE COVERING:
 - IF THEY ARE OUTDOORS AND ABLE TO MAINTAIN A DISTANT OF 6 FEET FROM INDIVIDUALS
 - EATING AND DRINKING WHEN SPACED 6 FEET APART

DISTANCING

WE ARE TARGETING CLASSROOMS TO HAVE TEACHER'S DESK AND STUDENT DESKS THAT ARE SPACED AT 6' X 5' FOOT DISTANCING - PLACED 6' APART FROM CENTER (LEFT TO RIGHT) AND 5' APART FROM CENTER (FRONT TO BACK). A DESIGNATED AREA FOR THE TEACHER TO DELIVER INSTRUCTION WILL BE TARGETED AT 6' ON CENTER APART FROM THE FIRST ROW OF STUDENT DESKS WHENEVER FEASIBLE. WE WILL HAVE SOME CLASSROOMS THAT ARE SPACED 5' X 5' AND SOME THAT ARE SPACED 6' X 6'.

CLASSROOM DESIGNS WILL BE TRADITIONAL IN NATURE (ROWS/COLUMNS OF DESKS AND CHAIRS) AND FACING THE SAME DIRECTION AND WILL USE STAGGERED OR DIAGONAL SEATING AT SHARED TABLES TO LIMIT FACE-TO-FACE SEATING IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE CURRENT SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (GRADES K-6) WILL REMAIN IN THEIR HOMEROOM FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE SCHOOL DAY WITH LIMITED INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER CLASSROOMS OF STUDENTS. OUR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STAFF WILL TRANSITION BETWEEN CLASSROOMS AS NEEDED. SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS, WHERE PRACTICABLE, WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN THE HOMEROOM ENVIRONMENT RATHER THAN USING THEIR DESIGNATED AREA BASED ON THE SPACE AVAILABLE IN A PARTICULAR SCHOOL, SCHEDULING, AND DISINFECTION PROTOCOLS.

SECONDARY STUDENTS (GRADES 7-12) WILL TRAVEL FROM CLASS-TO-CLASS WITH STAGGERED TRANSITION AND ADDITIONAL TIME WILL BE ALLOTTED TO ALLOW FOR REDUCED VOLUME OF STUDENTS TO PASS BETWEEN CLASSES IN THE HALLWAY.

SYMPTOM SCREENING

- DAILY SYMPTOM SCREENING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF
- WE ASK THAT PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND STAFF CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EVERYONE BY REMEMBERING THIS PHRASE – “IF I FEEL ILL- STAY HOME”.
- IF A STUDENT, STAFF MEMBER OR ESSENTIAL VISITOR TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AFTER BEING ON CAMPUS OR PRESENTS AT SCHOOL WITH FLU-LIKE OR COVID-19 LIKE SYMPTOMS
THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE SENT HOME AND BE REQUIRED TO SECURE A COVID 19 TEST OR MEDICAL CLEARANCE PRIOR TO RETURNING TO SCHOOL/WORK

COVID-19 School Exclusion Recommendations

Exclusion From and Return to School Recommendations

<p>COVID-19 Symptoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell OR • One of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing 	<p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If test result is negative, return to school 3 days after symptoms are no longer present. • If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 days with no fever and ➤ Improvement in symptoms and ➤ 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	
<p>Positive COVID-19 PCR Test</p>	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days with no fever and • improvement in symptoms and • 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>May return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days after PCR test was collected <p>*If symptoms develop during the 10 days, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR <u>with</u> symptoms</p>
<p>Close Contact to Positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more • Household contact 	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Individual should be tested for COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If test result is negative, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved • If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR <u>with</u> symptoms 	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Excluded 14 days after last date of exposure to the person with COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household contacts are in quarantine until 14 days after household positive is released from isolation <p>*If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact <u>with</u> symptoms</p>
<p>**Travel to States with High COVID-19 Rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical workers are encouraged to wear both a face shield and mask and social distance, if unable to quarantine 	<p>WITH SYMPTOMS</p> <p>If symptoms develop during the recommended 14 day quarantine upon return to PA, follow return to school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p>WITHOUT SYMPTOMS</p> <p>Self-quarantine for 14 days from when they return to PA</p>

CLEANING/SANITATION/DISINFECTION

ELEMENTARY (K-6)

- KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS WILL BE CLEANED/DISINFECTED BETWEEN AM AND PM SESSIONS.
- ALL ELEMENTARY CLASSROOMS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH DISINFECTING SPRAY AND WIPES IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL AND INCIDENTAL DISINFECTING NEEDS. PRINCIPALS WILL COORDINATE DISINFECTION PROTOCOLS WITH INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF AND CUSTODIAL STAFF FOR ADDITIONAL/INCIDENTAL DISINFECTION ROUTINES TO ENSURE STAFF AND STUDENT SAFETY.
- STAFF WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY THE BUILDING CUSTODIAN ON OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR INCREASING CLASSROOM VENTILATION DURING THE DAY AND WHERE AND WHEN FEASIBLE.
- RESTROOMS WILL BE CLEANED/DISINFECTED MULTIPLE TIMES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY BASED ON PLANNED USE SCHEDULE.
- CLASSROOMS, LARGE GROUP AREAS, OFFICES AND HALLWAYS WILL BE THOROUGHLY CLEANED/DISINFECTED EVERY EVENING.

SECONDARY (7-12)

- EACH CLASSROOM WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH DISINFECTING WIPES, GLOVES, AND SPRAY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRANSITION OF STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND FOR ADDITIONAL AND INCIDENTAL DISINFECTING NEEDS. TEACHERS WILL ESTABLISH ROUTINES TO ENSURE THAT THE USE OF DISINFECTION SPRAY IS APPLIED TO DESKS, CHAIR ARMS, SEATS AND RELATED SURFACES USED BY STUDENTS PRIOR TO THOSE SURFACES BEING USED BY ANOTHER STUDENT.
- STAFF WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY THE BUILDING CUSTODIAN ON OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR INCREASING CLASSROOM VENTILATION DURING THE DAY AND WHERE AND WHEN FEASIBLE.
- CAFETERIA SERVING LINES AND ALL TABLES USED FOR EATING PURPOSES WILL BE CLEANED/DISINFECTED FOLLOWING EACH LUNCH PERIOD AT ALL LEVELS USING A COMBINATION OF THE ELECTROSTATIC DISINFECTION SPRAYERS AND BOTTLED DISINFECTING SPRAY.
- GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT USED DURING A PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS WILL BE CLEANED/DISINFECTED PRIOR TO IT BEING REUSED. PHYSICAL EDUCATION MODIFICATIONS OF CURRICULUM WILL LIMIT THE USE OF EQUIPMENT USED/SHARED AND MAKE AVAILABLE HAND SANITIZER AND HAND WASHING ROUTINES FOR ALL LEVELS.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION ON SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVIDS-19 WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS
- A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE WILL BE DEVELOPED FROM THE APPROVED PLAN.
- THE DISTRICT WILL NOTIFY FAMILIES AND STAFF IF THE CLOSING OF A CLASSROOM, SCHOOL OR DISTRICT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE REASONS SO DETERMINED AND THE RESPONSIVE ACTIONS OF THE DISTRICT TO SUCH RECOMMENDATION. NO PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED.
- THE DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW HEALTH GUIDANCE FROM NATIONAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS AND WILL UPDATE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS AS NECESSARY AND WILL COMMUNICATE THOSE CHANGES TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS VIA EMAIL, WEB SITE, PHONE CALLS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA.



METHACTON ON-LINE

- Addresses three main areas:
 - Instruction, Assessment, and Social-Emotional Learning
- Common and consistent routines
- Same Methacton curriculum as our brick and mortar along with same resources
- Google Classroom with focus on synchronous instruction
- Live and recorded lessons by Methacton Teachers with some content from 3rd parties
- Instruction via our district approved resources
- Commitment for 1 semester – September through January



METHACTON ON-LINE

- Students will be issued benchmark assessments at the start of the year
- Grades will be issued using the same grading scale as our on premise in school classes
- Students will be issued textbooks and resources the same as if they were attending on premises
- Students grades 3-12 will be issued their own Chromebook
- Students can participate in school events and activities as per regulations
- Counselors, Nurses, and Administrators will be available to support students and families
- Workshops for parents on Google Classroom and related tools will be offered
- Teacher interview process for Methacton Online underway
- Deadlines to enroll in Methacton Online: (Updated – July 29, 2020 for 9-12 and August 5 for K-8)

RETURN TO SPORTS: CONSIDERATIONS

- PLAN IS INTENDED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 17 (AUGUST 10 FOR FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATION)
- NO ATHLETICS IN THE RED OR YELLOW PHASE
 - SAME AS SUMMER VOLUNTARY WORKOUT PLAN
- STUDENTS/STAFF WILL UNDERGO A COVID- 19 HEALTH SCREENING PRIOR TO ANY PRACTICE, EVENT, OR TEAM MEETING THAT DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW A DAY OF IN-BUILDING SCHOOLING
 - STUDENTS WHO GO HOME BETWEEN SCHOOL AND THE TEAM EVENT FOR THAT DAY MUST SUBMIT THE COVID-19 SURVEY (SAME SURVEY AS THE SUMMER VOLUNTARY WORKOUTS)
- AT THIS TIME, NO SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE PLAYING FACILITY FOR PRACTICES OR EVENTS

RETURN TO SPORTS: REQUIREMENTS

- ALL STAFF MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS
- STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS DURING EXERCISE BUT ARE REQUIRED WHEN APPROPRIATE
 - SIDELINE, BENCH, TO AND FROM FIELDS, ETC.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING MUST BE PRACTICED WHEN POSSIBLE
- IF STUDENTS/STAFF DISPLAY SYMPTOMS WHILE AT A PRACTICE OR GAME, THEY WILL BE QUARANTINED UNTIL PROPER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.
- IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS/STAFF TO RETURN FROM QUARANTINE, THEY MUST HAVE MEDICAL CLEARANCE FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN OR APPROPRIATE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL. IN ADDITION, THEY MUST BE CLEARED FOR RETURN BY OUR METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC TRAINER.


COMMUNICATIONS

- HELD FOCUS GROUPS WITH TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL AT EACH BUILDING PRIOR TO EOY.
- HELD 4 FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS IN JUNE WITH PARENTS
- ESTABLISHED THE ROADMAP TO REOPENING METHACTON SCHOOLS SECTION OF WEBSITE

• SENT

Communications
◦ Letter from the Superintendent - June 24, 2020
◦ Letter from the Superintendent - July 1, 2020
◦ Letter from the Superintendent - July 8, 2020
◦ Letter from the Superintendent - July 13, 2020
◦ Letter from the Superintendent - July 16, 2020
◦ Letter from the Superintendent - July 17, 2020

Methacton Online
Presentations
Approved Plans
Pandemic Team
Communications
Focus Group Meeting Schedule
Focus Group Poll Results
Parent/Guardian Survey Results



DRIVER EDUCATION PLAN

- SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR THE BEHIND-THE-WHEEL TRAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE METHACTON WEBSITE.
- INSTRUCTORS WILL BE ADVISED TO SEND METHACTON SAFETY PROTOCOLS TO THE STUDENT AND PARENTS THROUGH DISTRICT EMAIL PRIOR TO THEIR SCHEDULED LESSONS.
- STUDENTS WILL MEET THE INSTRUCTOR AS DETERMINED. PARENTS OR OTHERS ACCOMPANYING THE STUDENT MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE OR 6 FEET FROM THE INSTRUCTOR AT ALL TIMES.
- PRIOR TO EACH WORKDAY, INSTRUCTORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PERSONAL HEALTH SELF-CHECK AND PROVIDE THAT DOCUMENTATION TO THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL OR ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED LESSON.
 - IF THE INSTRUCTOR(S) IS/ARE NOT FEELING WELL OR HAVE A TEMPERATURE, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO CANCEL AND RESCHEDULE ALL STUDENT APPOINTMENTS UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO RETURN FOR INSTRUCTION.
- PRIOR TO EACH LESSON OR TEST, STUDENTS AND PARENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PERSONAL HEALTH SELF-CHECK.
 - IF A STUDENT IS NOT FEELING WELL OR HAS A TEMPERATURE, THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO A LATER DATE, OR AFTER THE STUDENT IS SYMPTOM FREE FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS.
- MANDATORY USE OF FACE COVERINGS/MASKS/SHIELD BY ALL STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS WILL BE REQUIRED FROM THE MOMENT ENTERING VEHICLE THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF LESSON AND EXIT FROM VEHICLE.
 - LESSONS WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED IF A STUDENT OR INSTRUCTOR IS NOT WEARING PROPER FACE COVERING.
- THERE WILL BE A 15-MINUTE BREAK BETWEEN LESSONS SO THAT THE INSTRUCTOR CAN SANITIZE THE VEHICLE USING APPROVED CLEANING SUPPLIES.
- **STUDENTS OR INSTRUCTORS WHO CONTRACT COVID-19** THE INDIVIDUAL MUST BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PARTICIPATING WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF CLEARANCE FROM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER (MD, DO, NP, PA) IS REQUIRED

BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED

- EDUCATIONAL DELIVERY OPTIONS FOR 2020-2021
- HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR REOPENING ON PREMISES SCHOOL
- HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR RETURN TO ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES
- HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN FOR RETURN OF DRIVER EDUCATION

QUESTIONS

