

Re-Opening Parent Forum



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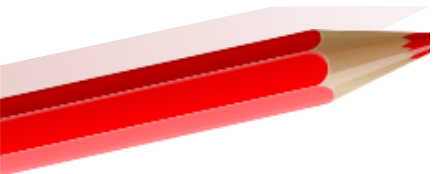
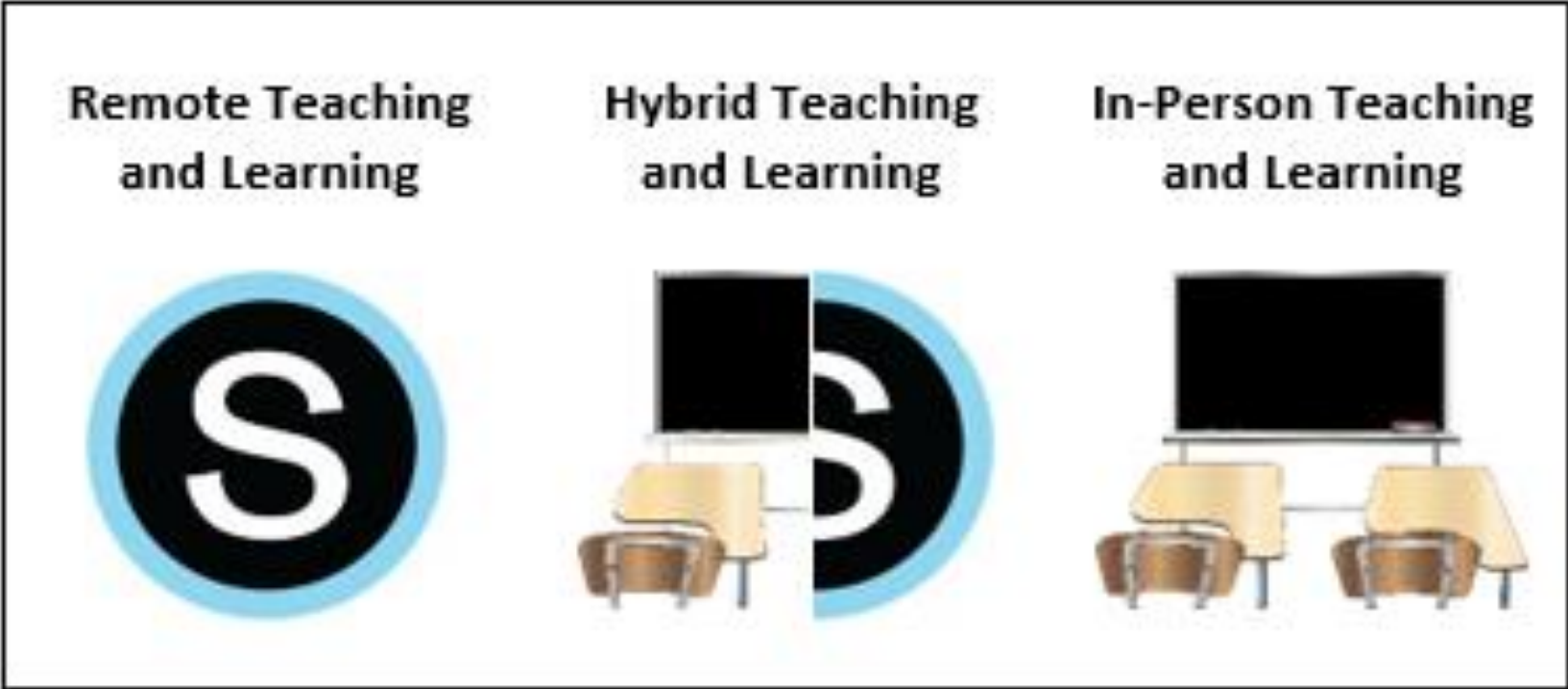
# Timeline

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- On August 19th, a decision to reopen with a virtual model was made by Superintendent Cash & the Buffalo Board of Education
- September 1st, teacher start date
- September 8th, student start date (first day of recorded attendance, regardless of instructional model)



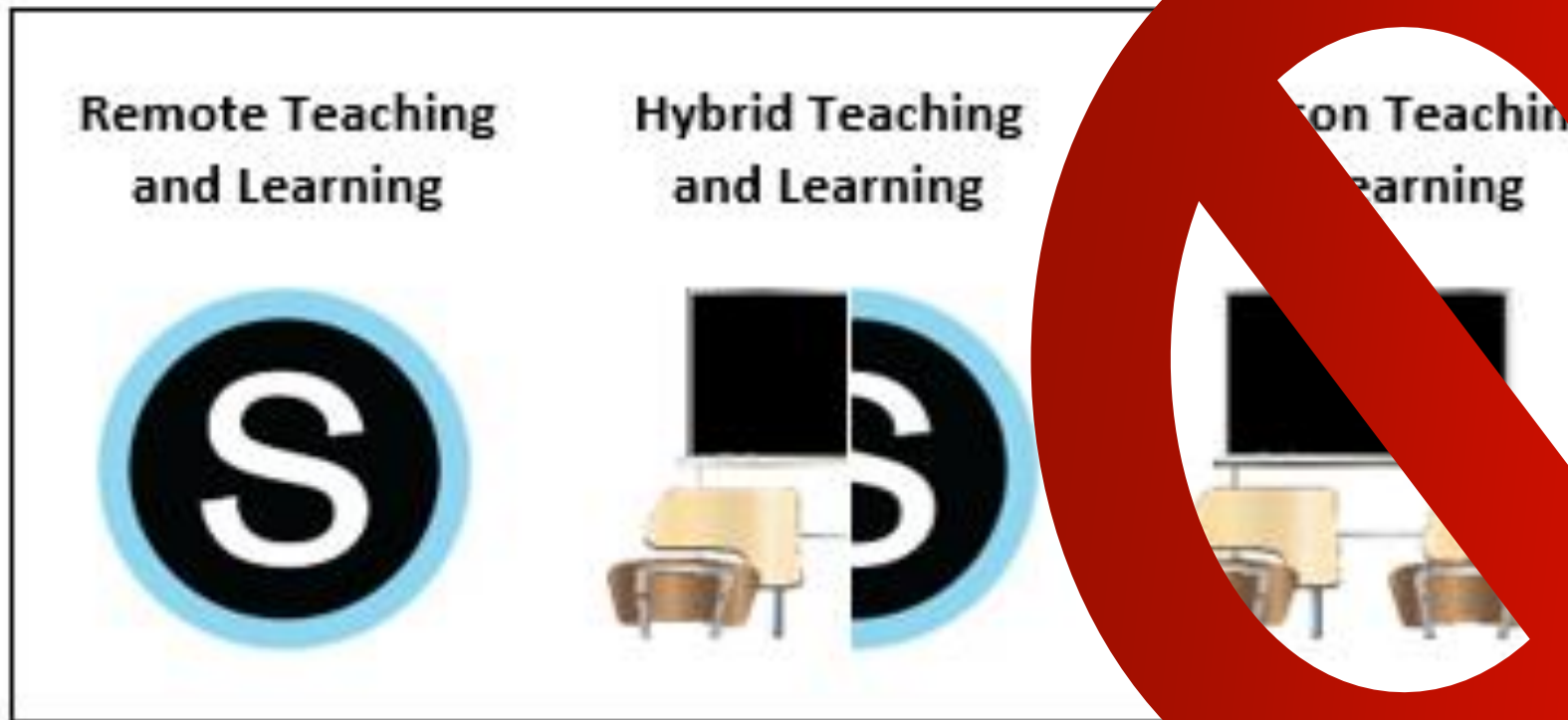
# Potential Models



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# BPS Models

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**Buildings and classrooms cannot accommodate all students in attendance and maintain the required social distancing guideline directed by the Governor of NYS**

# Instruction Types

## Synchronous

Synchronous-teachers deliver instruction in real time, whether in-person or in a virtual environment.

Examples:

- Live, in-person instruction
- Live, virtual (remote) instruction
- Virtual office hours

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Both are used in all models

## Asynchronous

Asynchronous- students access information, demonstrate learning, and communicate with classmates and instructors at different times and at their own pace.

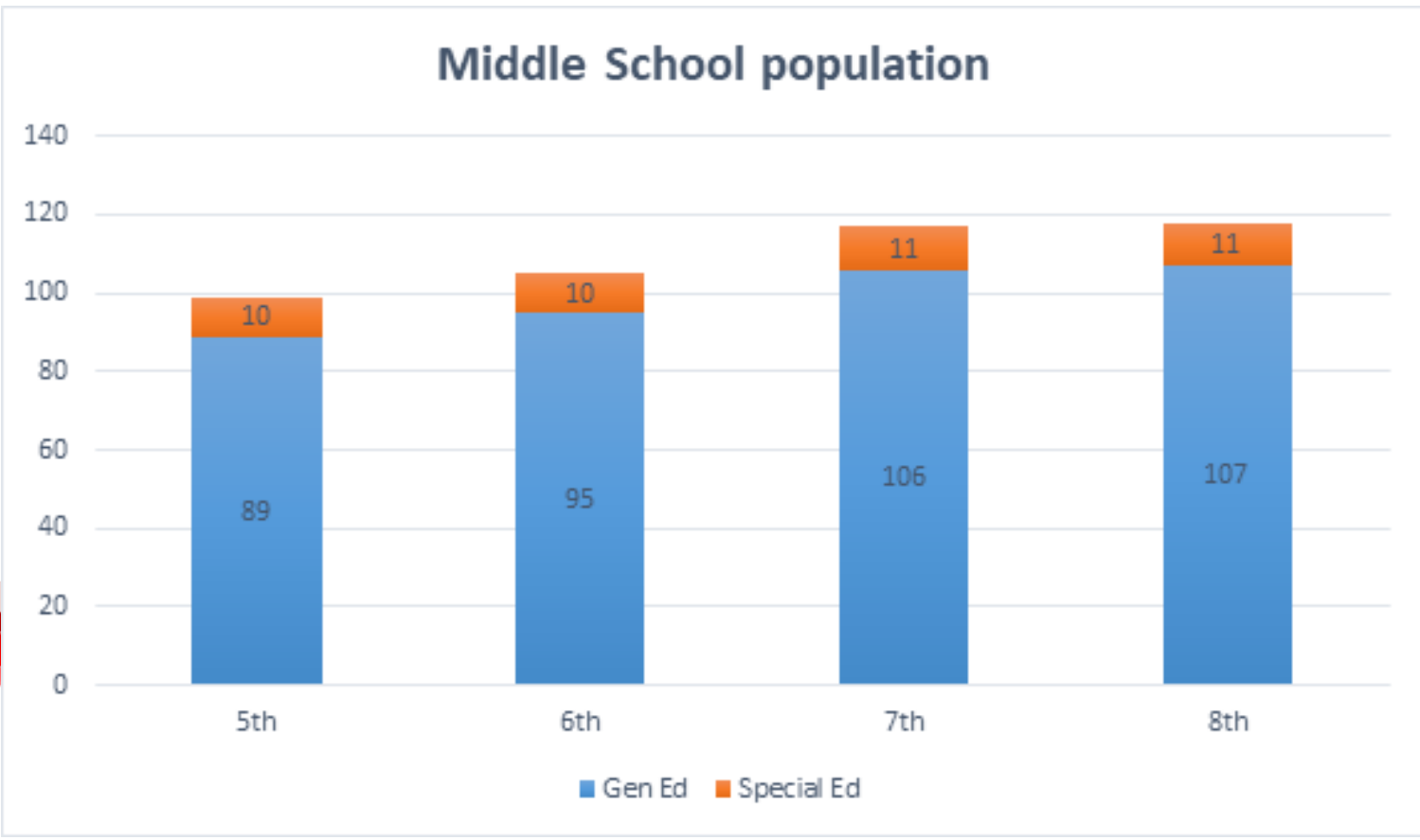
Examples:

- Writing or other assignments posted in Schoology
- Self-paced
- Readings, videos, video-taped lessons, responding to questions, completing assignments or student participation in online discussion boards
- District approved online programs including: Zearn, Moby Max, Lexia Core5 or PowerUp, myON, Think Central, Pearson Realize, NextLesson, and Quill.
- Hard copy learning packets aligned to grade level standards

# Who's at Olmsted?



Middle School population

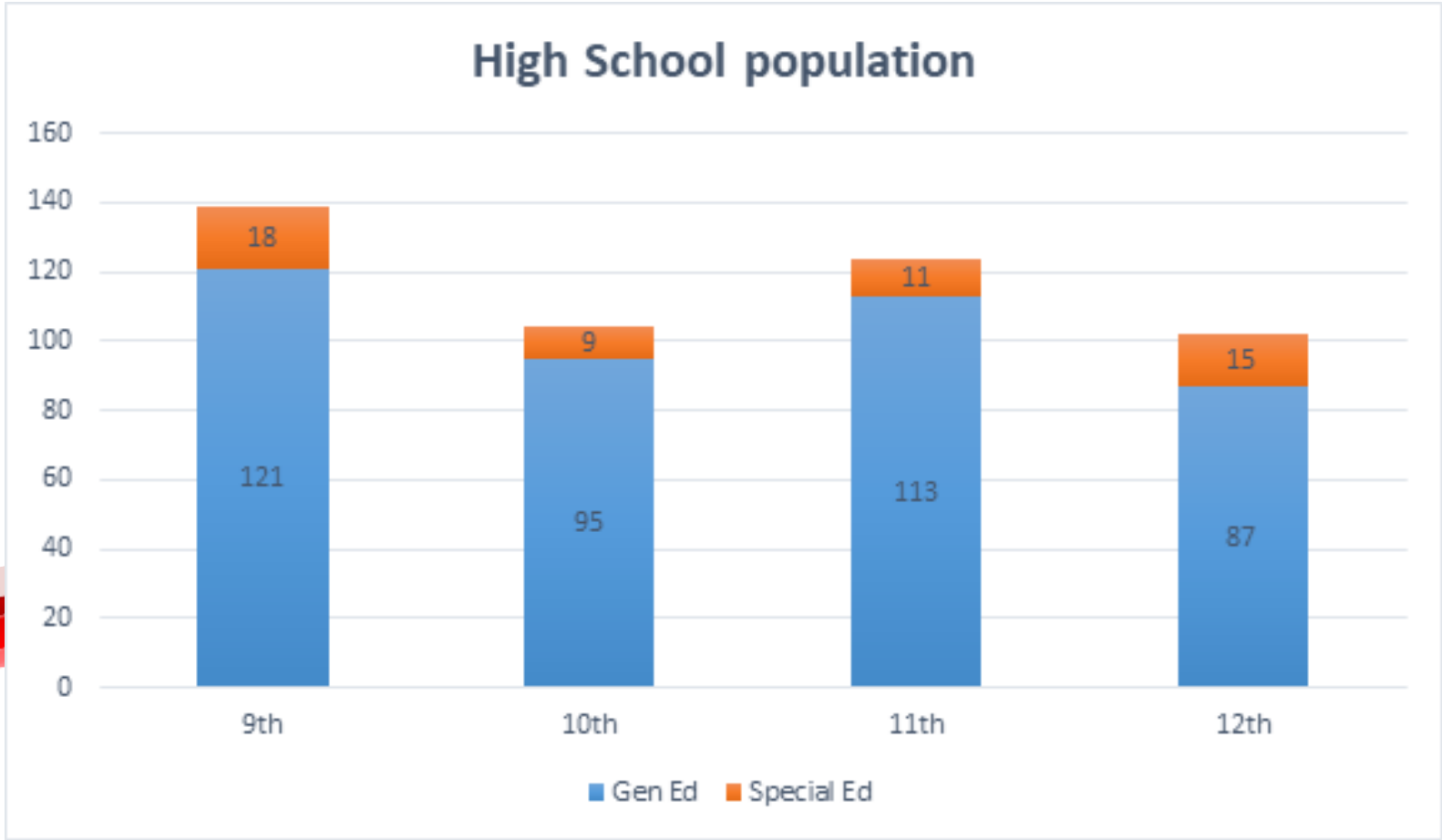


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# Space

## Classrooms

- 30 general education classrooms/  
14 special education classrooms
- Average number of student in a classroom
  - 5th/6th: 30
  - 7th/8th: 28
  - 9-12th: 26
  - Our special education classrooms are accommodated for students (6-8 per room)
  - Our general education rooms accommodate 50% of the students enrolled

# Our building is unique

## Considerations - Olmsted

- Middle school vs. High school
- Space for lunch
- Movement of students – open hallways
- Visitors into building
- Sharing of instructional supplies & materials
- Yellow buses/Metro buses

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# Full Remote Learning Model



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Beginning 9/8/20, this is the district's model

Instruction will be delivered virtually by teachers.

Teachers will post course assignments, links, videos, lessons, and documents on Schoology

Schoology assignments can be submitted and graded. Students can directly message their teachers

Microsoft Teams provide a conferencing platform embedded within Schoology

Synchronous & Asynchronous Instruction

Virtual Office hours for support

1:1 laptops will be provided

ENL & SPED services provided

All subject areas provided

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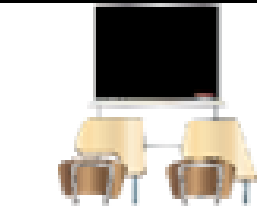



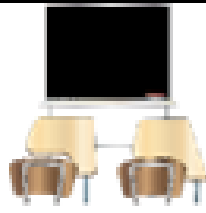




Help desk & PD for technology for all

Breakfast & lunch provided

# Hybrid Model

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QUESTION:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			
			
			

As data is reviewed, we hope to move to this model

Each cohort will attend in-person at the school building 50% of the in-person school days. Cohorts TBD

Instruction will be delivered in-person by teachers when students are on campus

On days when students are off campus, teachers will post course assignments, links, videos, lessons, and documents on Schoology

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- Potential for MS hybrid, HS virtual
- Some 8th graders take HS course work & could impact model choice

## Option 1

Monday	Group 1 – in school, Group 2 - virtual
Tuesday	Group 1 – in school, Group 2 - virtual
Wednesday	Group 1 & Group 2 – virtual
Thursday	Group 2 – in school, Group 1 - virtual
Friday	Group 2 – in school, Group 1 – virtual

## Option 2

Monday	Group 1 – in school, Group 2 - virtual
Tuesday	Group 1 – in school, Group 2 - virtual
Wednesday	Group 2 – in school, Group 1 - virtual
Thursday	Group 2 – in school, Group 1 - virtual
Friday	Alternating Group 1 & Group 2 each week...

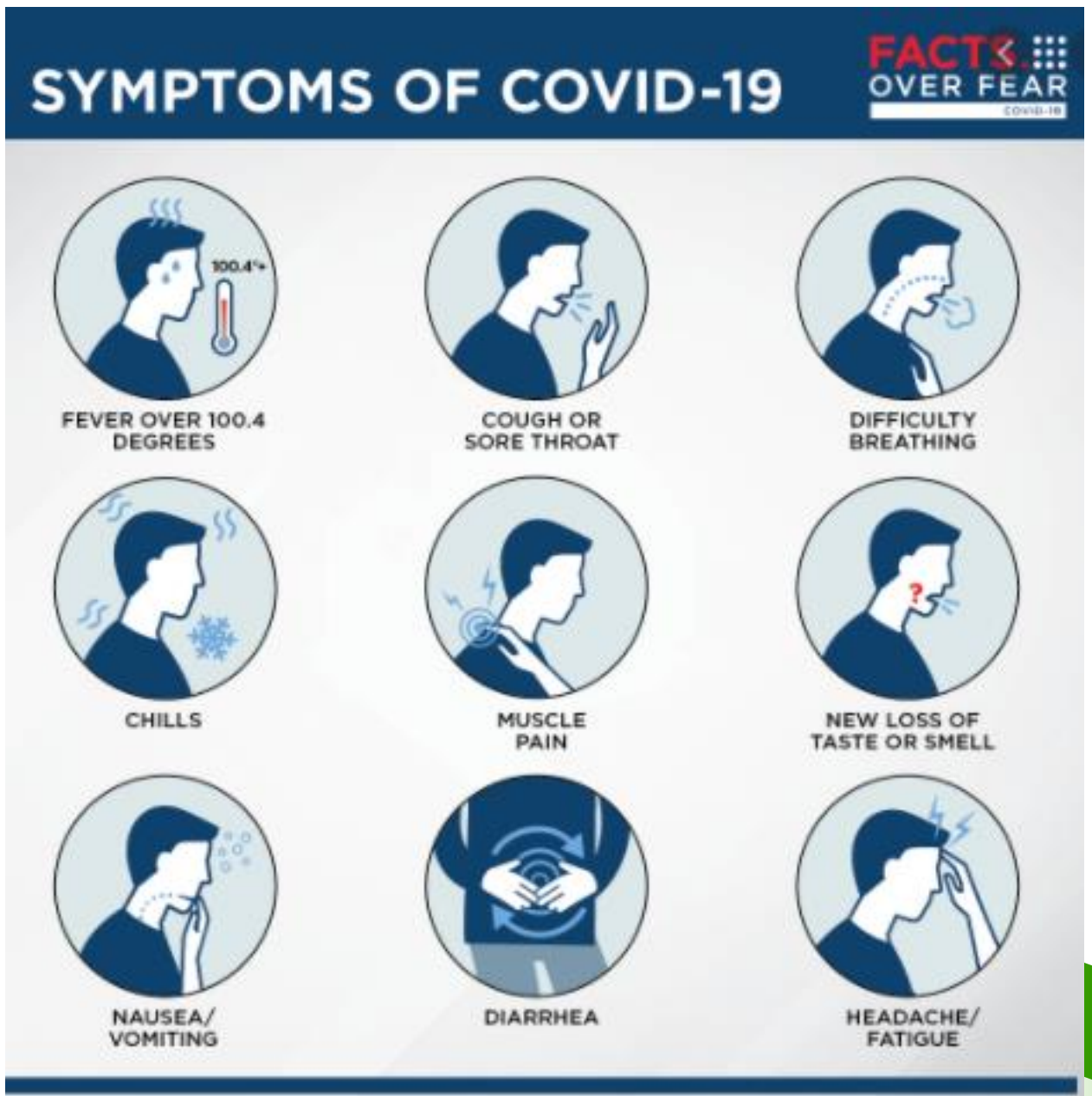
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# Daily Screening



Completed at home and when needed in school.

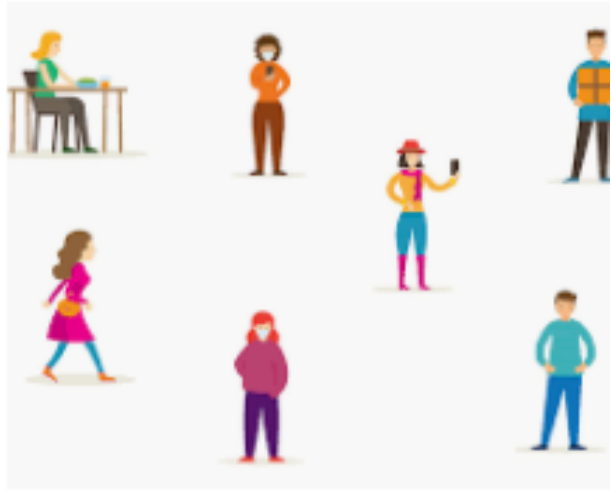
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# Hybrid Model Considerations



# Safety First



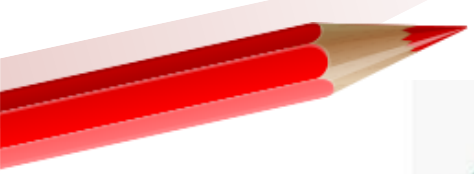
Social Distancing - 6 feet



Wearing Face Mask



Hand Washing & Sanitizing



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# Cleaning & Sanitizing

- Before students arrive
- During the school day
- In between groups of students

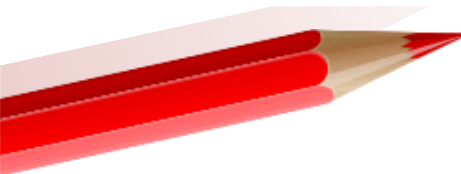


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# Parent Choice

The District will be sending a survey to choose a preferred model with a 1 Semester commitment



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In the event we offer a HYBRID model, parents will be able to choose a full remote option

Students remain enrolled in our school & do not lose their seat

Virtual Learning supports provided

Nutrition will be available

Let's get some  
information



A survey link was sent out seeking input from Olmsted families. If you did not take the survey yet, please do!

[Olmsted 156 Reopening Survey](#)  
(press Ctrl when clicking the link)

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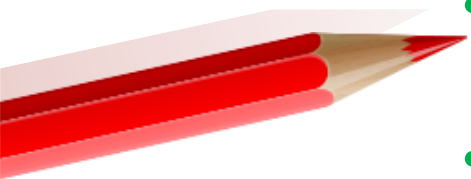


# Results at-a-Glance



As of August 18th, 2020,  
Parents shared:

- 50% felt comfortable sending their child back if proper safety measures were in place
- 50% were uncomfortable sending their child back even if proper measures were in place
- 48% prefer a hybrid model
- 43% prefer a virtual model
- 8% have multiple children and would like both options available
- 47% of families experienced an increase in social-emotional difficulties
- 44% would like to see expedited COVID-19 tests administered at school
- As of 8/18/20, there were 272 responses. This includes families with multiple children attending 156



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Please update  
your information

\* Our clerks are updating  
email addresses & phone  
numbers in Infinite Campus  
based on the Reopening  
Survey results



Email our clerical staff –  
[FRiccio@buffaloschools.org](mailto:FRiccio@buffaloschools.org)

Use the following link to update  
your contact information:

<https://www.buffaloschools.org/contact>  
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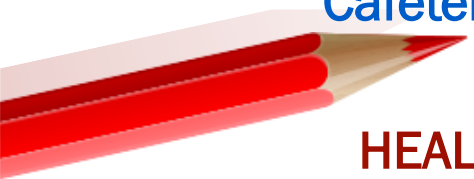
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## **FACILITIES:**

- Weekly walkthroughs with Engineer and cleaning staff
  - Appendix H of the BPS Reopening Plan
    - Summer Cleaning – Locker Contents need to be picked up ASAP to finish summer cleaning
    - Mechanical Responsibilities
    - Daily Cleaning
  - Special Projects: Library, Weight Room, Gymnasium, Pool, Storage Rooms, Auditorium, Cafeteria, Bathrooms



## **HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS:**

- Reviewed Safety Protocols and implications for Olmsted
- Identified school needs: signs, PPE, sanitation and bathroom protocols, traffic flow

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## **TECHNOLOGY & CONNECTIVITY:**

- Resolved technology concerns/issues for current Olmsted students
- Submitted names of incoming non-BPS students needing technology to the IT department
- Surveyed technology needs of families
- Conducted Microsoft TEAMS training for Administrators and Teachers

## **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:**

- Surveyed teacher needs for proposed instructional models
- Surveyed parent needs for proposed instructional models
  - Researched available support for students, teachers, parents for proposed instructional models

## **TRANSPORTATION:**

- Surveyed parents regarding transportation preferences once students return to the building.
- Contacted the District regarding NFTA guidelines/procedures.
- Reviewed transportation protocols with students at 5th Grade and Freshman Orientations.

# Next Steps...



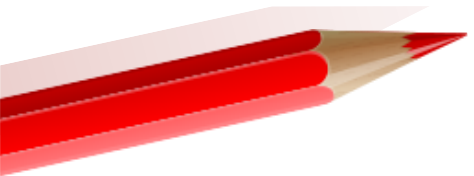
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## **FACILITIES:**

- Follow-up on progress of Special Projects
- Complete Summer Cleaning
- Install safety equipment and signs (once received)
- Prepare classrooms for re-opening

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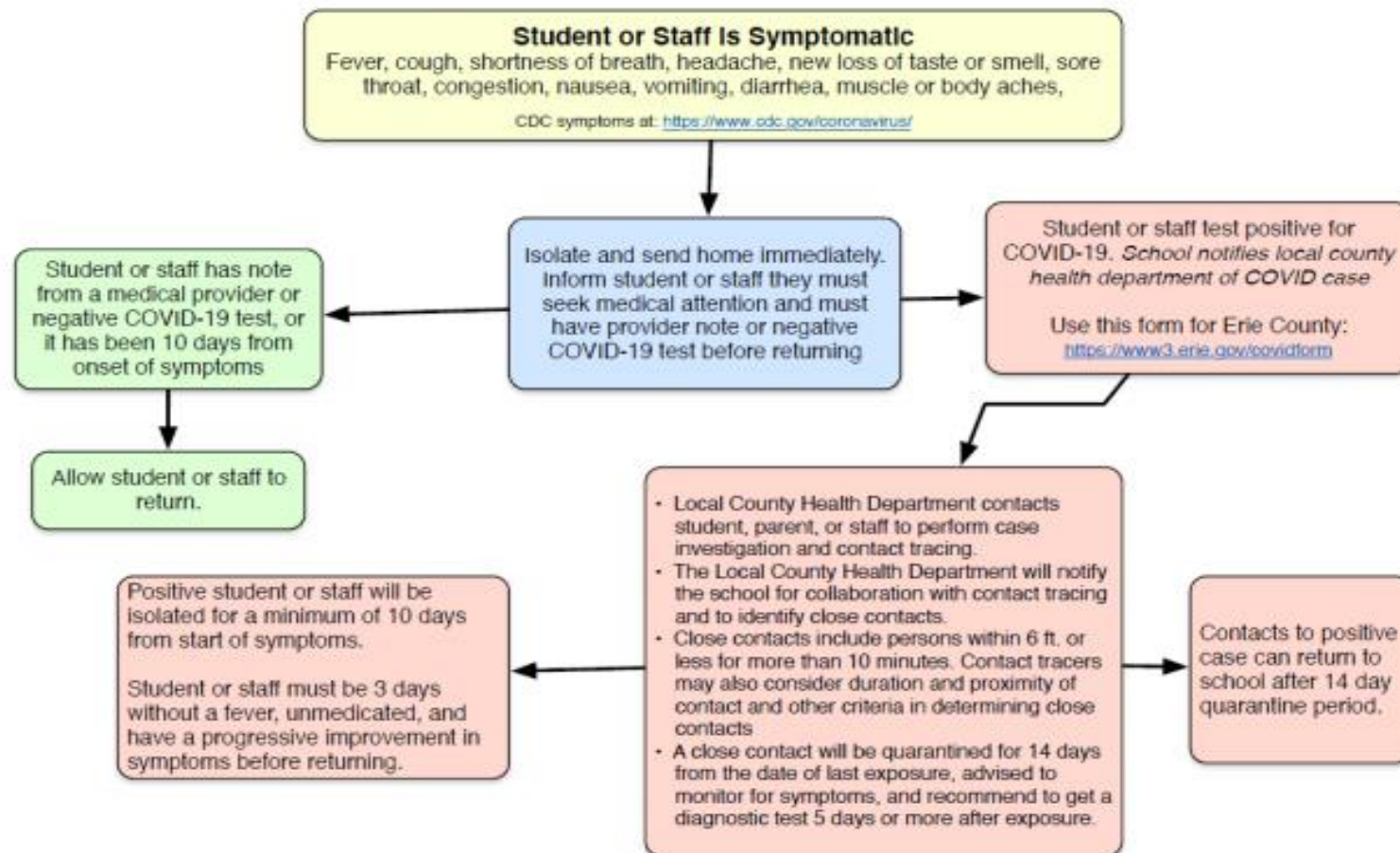
- Awaiting District guidance on specifics
- Follow District protocol



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## Protocol for Symptomatic or Positive COVID-19 Student or Staff



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## TECHNOLOGY & CONNECTIVITY:

- Train students and parents on Microsoft TEAMS and Schoology platforms (links attached)
- Monitor required and suggested training for faculty
- Continue to update contact information for families, as received

## CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:

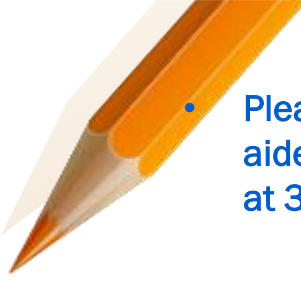
- PREPARE the school community for virtual instruction:
  - Work on a schedule per Grade Level to stagger classes per day with synchronous and asynchronous instruction.
  - Develop expectations for teachers and students.
  - Communicate final instructional plan to parents and provide supply lists for virtual and hybrid instruction models
- Develop a "Back to School" cross-curricular project for students that encompasses social emotional and academic aspects as well as creativity and exploration.

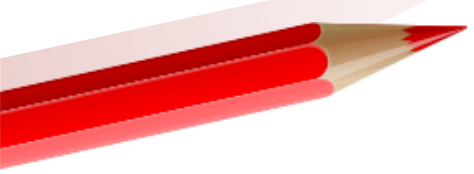
## TRANSPORTATION:

- Create an arrival/dismissal procedure in-line with social distancing protocols
- Work with teachers to create lessons that address safety on buses and social distancing

# Olmsted's Reopening Committee

- The team will consist of:
- Administrators
- Teacher representatives
- Teacher Aides & Teacher Assistants
- Building Engineer
- Cafeteria Manager
- Security Officer
- Nurse
- Parent representatives (OPTO)
  - To join OPTO please contact:
  - President: Nicole Marcello: [skarosmarcello@gmail.com](mailto:skarosmarcello@gmail.com)
  - PTO Chair: Tawandra Anderson: [tawandraanderson@yahoo.com](mailto:tawandraanderson@yahoo.com)
  - [Olmstedschoolfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Olmstedschoolfoundation@gmail.com)
  - <https://www.facebook.com/OlmstedSchool>

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- Please express interest via email to administration (teachers, aides, assistants) or OPTO (parents) by Tuesday, August 25th at 3 p.m.
  - Groups include:
    - 1. Facilities
    - 2. Health, Safety & Wellness
    - 3. Technology & Connectivity
    - 4. Curriculum & Instruction
    - 5. Transportation
  - Meetings will be scheduled once the District decides on a Re-Opening Model



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# Resources for Parents

**Help line: 816-7100**

**In person assistance with devices/internet:**

**PS #28 located at 1515 South Park Avenue, 14220**

**Open distribution hours for all families: Monday-Friday  
(9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)**

**[CDulak@buffaloschools.org](mailto:CDulak@buffaloschools.org)**

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# Schoology Training



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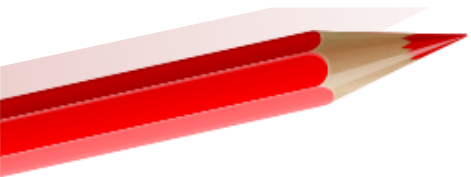
We encourage families to join us for a live instructional session hosted by summer interns from our Student Technology Leaders Program.

Sign

up here: <https://forms.gle/UKWoe9xMy5Jv7zm>

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*(press Ctrl when clicking the link)*



# Webpage Info



Please use the links and videos found on the following webpage to navigate through our e-Learning Resources. These resources will help parents and families assist their children during the hybrid and/or virtual models.

<https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/88626>  
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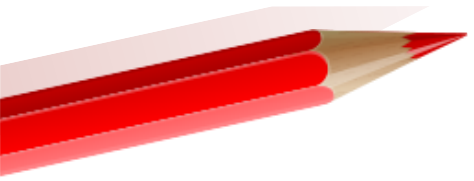
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# Upcoming District Meetings



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Thursday, August 20, 4:30 – 5:30 pm	CLRI and Equity
Friday, August 21, 10:00 am	Parent/General Public Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Back to School - What to Expect
Wednesday, August 26, 5:00 - 6:00 pm	Instructional Technology Team



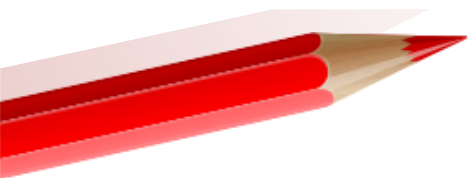
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# Q & A



Please put your questions & comments in the chat in the following order:

1. Facilities
2. Health, Safety & Wellness
3. Technology & Connectivity
4. Curriculum & Instruction
5. Transportation



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Let's continue the conversation.

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