

# Announcement

## Superintendent Letter



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I want to be the first to officially welcome our new and returning students! We are looking forward to restarting our school year. I want to share our Restart Plan(s). These plans have been developed over the past several months as we listened and learned from staff members, community leaders, health experts, state leaders and more. It will be presented for Board approval at the August 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority. In addition, while maintaining this top priority, we want to ensure that we provide our students an opportunity to access critical hands-on career technical education training and rigorous academics. It is also important that we all understand that our Restart Plan(s) will be an ongoing process due to the fast altering dynamics associated with this pandemic. Our Restart Plan(s) can change within a moment's notice.

Starting on August 13<sup>th</sup>, our district will implement PLAN B. Although the 2020-2021 calendar remains as originally approved, the days that students report have been modified in order to comply with guidance of social distancing, physical barriers and face coverings. As long as students and staff maintain 6' of social distancing and/or physical barriers, they will not be required to wear face coverings unless instructed to do so. When these two lines of defense cannot be maintained, face coverings will be required by all parties. Students will be placed into two groups: Level I and Level II. When students begin the school year, learning will occur face-to-face and through remote learning. We will use an alternating schedule that has Level I students in the building two days a week, and Level II students three days a week. This schedule will change for students second semester with Level I students in the building three days a week, and Level II two days a week.

Satellite students will be expected to follow the guidelines and plans established by the high school in which the program is located.

Understandably, many of you may have questions right now. We are well aware of the changing nature of this situation; therefore, we have created a page on our website to share updates and other important information at <https://www.buckeyehills.net/reset-and-restart/>. Students and parents may also email our administrative team at [Restart@buckeyehills.net](mailto:Restart@buckeyehills.net) with any questions and/or concerns. We are in this together and we will overcome this pandemic.

Again, we remain committed to doing what we do best: providing a high-quality career-technical education experience where students continue to learn and that prepares our students for the workplace.

Likewise, we will honor health and safety regulations and suggestions by our public health officials. Education as we have all known it is now experiencing a paradigm shift, but we will seize the opportunity to be more innovative and continue to develop and support career technical opportunities that align to Ohio In-Demand ESSENTIAL jobs.

Please keep in mind that the Career Center has additional guidelines to follow and our operations and facilities are different from our K-12 school partners. We want to stress to the public: PLEASE DO NOT compare the K-12 schools to the Career Center when implementing strategies of operations during a pandemic. Our districts are different for multiple reasons and all districts are putting students, staff and community members' safety first.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie L. Nash'.

Jamie L. Nash  
Superintendent

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