

GPPSS Return to Full Face-to-Face Instruction Plan

January 25, 2021

Presentation Overview:

- Charge from the Board
- Review of reopening steps already taken
- Specific return dates for a return to F2F
- Next steps

Due to the COVID pandemic every district, including GPPSS, shifted to 100% remote instruction in March 2020. Since that shift GPPSS has taken numerous steps to enact a plan to return to full F2F instruction for all students. On Wednesday, January 20th the Board of Education directed administration to present a plan on Monday, January 25th that will result in all students returning to F2F instruction.

Spring, March - June 2020

During this initial stage of the COVID 19 pandemic GPPSS focused on supporting all students remotely. Key actions:

- Distributed over 2500 devices to all students with device needs
- Initiated student/family breakfast and lunch programs
- Shifted all operations to a virtual format
- Provided opportunities for students including a full slate of AP tests
- Leveraged Schoology to provide remote instruction to all students
- Conducted surveys of students, staff and parents to enhance instruction
- Successfully graduated our 2020 seniors in a socially distanced, F2F format

Summer, June - August 2020

The key focus during this portion of the school year was on the safety and learning needs of our staff and students to start the 2020-21 school year. Steps included:

- Reopened limited preschool and kids club services July 1st
- GPPSS Return to School Taskforce, composed of over 50 teachers and administrators, developed [plans](#) for the safe return of staff and students to the building
- Same task force created a [Learning Guide](#) that identified best practices in a hybrid and remote environment
- [One GP Virtual](#) was designed as an alternative for families that wanted a 100% virtual learning experience for their child through entire school year
- GPPSS identified plans for 100% remote, hybrid, and 100% F2F depending on direction from county and current COVID pandemic data

Summer, June - August 2020 (continued)

The key focus during this portion of the school year was on the safety and learning needs of our staff and students to start the 2020-21 school year. Steps included:

- State of Michigan released a [Safe Schools Roadmap](#) that directed district safety responses to the COVID pandemic
- GPPSS Return to School Task Force used this the state roadmap to create [Return to School Safely roadmap](#) for our schools
- Summer school and Extended School Year offered via a virtual format
- Professional development for staff and families designed and delivered to facilitate success in a remote environment
- In late August the Wayne County Health Department issued a [county specific roadmap](#) that delineated safety procedures

Fall, September - December 2020

The key focus during this portion of the school year was on providing safe, high quality instruction:

- GPPSS purchased over \$250,000 in PPE for staff and students
- GPPSS created dedicated section of website for COVID Transparency
- GPPSS hired an outside contractor to provide over 30 additional custodial support personnel to ensure our buildings are clean
- GPPSS retained an HVAC firm to test, analyze, and adjust our HVAC systems
- Wayne County Health Department approved GPPSS COVID Mitigation Plan
- Provided fully remote instruction to 1400 students through One GP Virtual and hybrid instruction to 5400 through GP Traditional

Fall, September - December 2020 (continued)

The key focus during this portion of the school year was on providing safe, high quality instruction:

- Based on county guidance and local COVID data our schools started in a 100% remote environment
- In September, our students with disabilities in categorical programs began to return to buildings followed by K-2 and then 3-5 students
- Based on local COVID data and the Wayne County Health Department guidance GPPSS returned to fully remote instruction in November

Fall, September - December 2020 (continued)

The key focus during this portion of the school year was on providing safe, high quality instruction:

- A team of GPPSS teachers and administrators developed and implemented a revised secondary hybrid schedule that would make it easier to pivot between remote and in-person instruction
- GPPSS announced a return to hybrid instruction for January 2021 for GP Traditional students

January 2021

The key focus is on providing safe, high quality instruction:

- K-6 students successfully returned to hybrid instruction January 4th
- Students with disabilities served in categorical classrooms successfully returned to full F2F instruction January 4th
- COVID antigen testing began for MHSAA athletes
- Students in grade 7 & 8 started hybrid instruction January 11th
- Staff began to receive COVID vaccinations mid-January
- Elementary students returned to a 'full day' January 25th in hybrid
- 9th grade students started hybrid instruction January 25th
- 10th - 12th grade students will begin hybrid instruction January 28th
- New GPPSS COVID Dashboard was developed based on CDC guidance and shared with community January 25th

February 2021

The key focus during this portion of the school year will be to provide safe, high quality instruction:

- COVID 19 antigen testing begins for all staff February 1st
- GPPSS promotes testing and vaccination opportunities with community partners
- Further COVID vaccinations for staff will occur throughout the month
- GPPSS took steps to allow any staff member to have a flexible schedule allowing them to attend a vaccine appointment

Return to Full F2F Timeline

The following is the current return to school timeline for 100% face to face instruction:

- Monday, March 1st - students in grades K - 4
- Monday, March 1st - preschool program returns to typical classroom sizes and operations (depending on enrollment)
- Monday, March 15th - students in grades 5 - 12

Upon Return to Full Face to Face

The following will be implemented:

- A goal of 3 feet of social distance will be the target when possible (6 feet of social distancing will not be possible in most cases)
- Preschool will return to 'regular operation' including regular class sizes
- At the secondary level actions will be taken to shift as many lunch operations outside as possible, including the use of tents and tables to allow for outdoor eating. Some secondary students (potentially all in some buildings or levels) will be required to eat outside or off-campus regardless of weather conditions
- Student activities beyond the school day will continue to be held remotely or outside whenever possible
- Athletics will continue following MHSAA guidelines

One GP Virtual Important Notes:

- OneGP will continue to offer instruction in a fully remote environment
- OneGP Virtual has no secondary openings available
- Limited elementary OneGP Virtual openings may be available
- If a family wishes to shift from OneGP Virtual to GP Traditional accommodations may be possible

Next Steps:

- Identify specific details to address in district and building level plan updates
 - ◆ Many already addressed in hybrid return (entrance/exit, lunch, lockers)
- Meet with staff to answer questions
- Continue to aggressively pursue rapid COVID testing opportunities for students
- Pursue further HVAC and air purification options
- Conduct virtual town halls with the community
- Continue to monitor new GPPSS COVID Dashboard