



## **Opportunity • Equity • Excellence**

### **Guiding Principles for the 2020-21 School Year**

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

Like all Ohio school districts, CMSD's educational system was altered significantly when the Governor ordered all schools closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From that challenge came an opportunity for us to address the digital divide and other inequities as we fully commit ourselves to ensuring every CMSD scholar has access to a quality education and the tools needed for success. A new school year with varied learning methods provides an opportunity for us to deepen the work already begun at CMSD, with personalized, inquiry-based, mastery learning.

#### **EQUITY**

The Coronavirus crisis and the nation's heightened awareness of racial inequality and social injustice challenges us to consider the role schools play in ensuring every child has an equal chance for success. That means recognizing the unique challenges and barriers faced by our individual students and families and providing the supports they need to overcome those barriers.

#### **SUCCESS**

Providing every scholar with an equitable start and empowering them to succeed in school and in the colleges and careers that await them is integral to our commitment to Excellence in Learning and Teaching. CMSD educators strive to ensure that every child has an excellent education, one where learning is joyful and adventurous and where every child has an equal opportunity for success.

### **PRIORITIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR**

- Maintaining the health, safety and well being of our scholars and educators
- Exemplifying excellence and equity in learning and teaching.
- Ensuring that learning is joyful, adventurous, and aligned to a focused, unified core curriculum
- Supporting our scholars, educators and families in adapting to new methods and learning cycles
- Ensuring operational efficiency across the system
- Partnering with community organizations and leveraging local assets to more fully and equitably support our scholars, educators and families.

## ANTICIPATED CHANGES FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

When Governor Mike DeWine and state officials directed Ohio's school districts to prepare for the reopening of schools, they charged districts with developing plans for how best to develop educational scenarios that align with guidance of state and local health department officials. Because those guidelines call for social distancing and deep cleaning routines to avoid contamination and spread of COVID-19, staff, families and caregivers can assume that the school year will look and feel significantly different this year as we conform to a number of necessary changes to ensure the safety of our students, staff and families. These include:

- Schools will not be able to transport 40-50 students on a bus
- Schools will not be able to hold class with 25 students in a classroom.
- Schools will not be able to hold breakfast or lunch with large numbers of students in cafeterias at a single time.
- Educators and school staff will need extra time to clean and sanitize work areas.
- Schools will be required to adopt strict health department instructions when contamination by or contact with a known case is reported.
- Some students and staff, for varying reasons, will not be able return to school or to the workplace

### RISK LEVEL GUIDANCE

LEVEL 1 0-1 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 2 2-3 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 3 4-5 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 4 6-7 Indicators Triggered
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CMSD Reopening Plan aligns to current State guidance for levels of risk for exposure to COVID-19 and will continue to be adjusted to conform to current risk of spread, with **PURPLE** indicating a full stay-at-home order, **RED** the need for masks and social distancing at 6-feet, **ORANGE** a need for social distancing at 3-feet and **YELLOW** signaling a full return to school. With the current risk level approaching purple a "hybrid learning" scenario is currently in play, with scholars learning in-person for part of the time and using a blended learning approach for other times. Our reopening plan will continue to adjust to this public health guidance.

### REOPENING CALENDAR

#### JULY

- 2 Governor DeWine releases guidelines for reopening schools in Ohio  
CEO Eric Gordon begins weekly messaging to families & community about the District's planning and preparation for reopening CMSD schools
- 24 Target date for CMSD Reopening Plan to be finalized and released to the public

#### AUGUST

- 3 Staff in Year-Round schools return to work
- 12 Staff in all other CMSD schools return to work
- 24 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YEAR-ROUND STUDENTS ONLY

#### SEPTEMBER

- 8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL TRADITIONAL CMSD SCHOOLS