Our teachers, staff, administration and Board of Education are committed to providing our community with safe options that fit your needs. We understand that needs change so know that you are able to seamlessly transition between any of our educational models. Please reach out to us to discuss any concerns or questions. We are here for you!
The Choice is Yours

We will be offering a variety of educational options that fit the needs of your family. We understand your concerns and believe you are best to make these important decisions. Regardless of your choice, we are proud to deliver the same outstanding and progressive education to which you are accustomed. Please call or email if we can give you additional information to help you.

100% Face to Face Instruction in our Schools

Joseph Badger Schools are planning on beginning classes on August 25th with a traditional full five day per week schedule. We have found ways to creatively use spaces within our building that can ensure social distancing and all of the other recommendations to safely reopen schools. Those will be discussed below.

100% Virtual Instruction at your Home

Our teachers are working diligently to make certain that the same opportunities for learning will occur whether you choose to attend our building or take all of your classes from your home online.

If you choose to study online, we will be reaching out to you to discuss expectations and responsibilities. We will also be checking to ensure that you have the proper technology within your home and if not, a laptop will be provided.

Hybrid Instruction for High School Students – A Combination

Our High School students will have this additional option where some classes may be taken face to face and others will be available online.

Of course, all courses will have both options available to fit your needs. Please know that students taking advantage of this option will only have bus options for our regular AM and PM routes.
The Re-Opening plans of our District are based upon the recommendations and guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We will explore the five areas that are our guiding principles.

Vigilantly Check for Symptoms
Wash and Sanitize Hands
Thoroughly Clean Facilities
Practice Social Distancing
Implement Face Coverings Policy

Since COVID-19 spreads so rapidly, it is essential that students (and their caregivers), and staff conduct daily health checks prior to going to school which should include taking their temperature and assessing their symptoms. Anyone with symptoms (described below) or a temperature above 100°F should stay home. Anyone who receives a positive test for COVID-19 must report the diagnosis to our school.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include:
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The Joseph Badger School District has purchased contactless temperature screening kiosks. All students and staff will have their temperatures checked upon entering our facility. This does not replace the need for assessing at home, but it is one more mechanism we are employing to help protect our community.
Hand washing and sanitizing are important tools in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by killing the virus. **Students, and staff should practice frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds when hands are dirty, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. We will provide opportunities throughout the day for handwashing.**

We will also make hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol based) and sanitizing products available for personnel and students, especially in high traffic areas, including at each school entrance and in every classroom. Also, hand sanitizing dispensers are newly installed on all of our buses.

We will also provide education and training for all employees on how to properly put on, use, take off, and dispose of PPE. Additionally, we will provide Professional Development for all staff to know and recognize the most likely symptoms of COVID-19 and how to protect employees and students from spreading the virus.

We will also be cleaning our buses daily.

An additional area that we are addressing is our HVAC system. We have contacted the engineer and designer of our systems and we are enabling ways to increase air flow as well as bring in more air from outside. Our air filters have all been replaced.
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Keeping a distance of six feet or more between people adds another layer of prevention against the spread of COVID-19 by minimizing the chance of coming into contact with the virus through respiratory droplets.

“All of our classrooms will strictly adhere to our six feet social distancing practice. Desks will be properly spaced, and nearly all of our classes will be small.”

The JBSD will have markers in hallways, restrooms and other visual cues reminding students and staff to follow this most important guideline.

Based upon the recommendations of the CDC and ODH, we will not only maintain social distancing in all areas including classrooms, hallways, cafeteria and restrooms, but we will also be able to keep our students in groups where movement between other groups is minimized or completely eliminated.

We will have special protocols on our buses including access to sanitizer, loading the bus from back to front, unloading from front to back and asking families living in the same house to sit together. We will not put two students in a seat, however, we need your help. A survey will be sent soon and if you are able to transport your children, it will be a tremendous help to us. We will have the necessary information to design routes efficiently and ensure social distancing. If you need our transportation, we will be there for you.
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Implement Face Coverings Policy

All school employees will wear masks. We will release more information regarding Face Coverings in the near future. We, along with our county health commissioner, will assess our current situation as we get closer to the start of the school year and recommendations will then be made.

According to our survey, well over 80% of respondents reported that if there is ever a situation where six feet of social distancing is not possible, their child would wear a mask. Knowing these possibilities exist, it is important to give kids time to practice wearing their masks and to teach them how to put them on and take them off.

Buses are particularly unique because they are small, inside spaces and social distancing will be somewhat limited. All public schools in Trumbull County will require all riders to wear masks, sit in assigned seats, follow boarding protocols and use hand-sanitizer.

When an Individual Shows Symptoms at School

Our teachers and staff will be trained in recognizing COVID-19 symptoms. We also thankfully have a full-time nurse. If a student or staff member shows symptoms at school or has a fever over 100°F, we will do the following:

- A student will immediately be separated from others; A member of our staff must be immediately relieved of duties and sent home
- We will designate an isolation room/area for students who exhibit symptoms to wait for parent/guardian to pick them up.
- This isolation area will be separate from our clinic where students are likely to visit and will be supervised by school personnel maintaining social distance and wearing PPE

Information Coming Soon

- Pickup and Dropoff Protocols
- Bus information
- Supplies
- Student schedules
- Lunches
- Visitors / Volunteers
- Precautions unique to certain classes
- Technology and Personal Devices
- Our new website
- Universal use of Remind School Communications

Special Thanks

To our Trumbull County Educational Service Center, our Trumbull County Health Commissioner and the members of our Restart/Reset Committee