



# WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE Board of Education

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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you doing well as we work through the many challenges brought to us by COVID-19.

Our plans to return to school have been created with great care to include the directives from the Ohio Department of Health, the Lake County General Health District, the Ohio Department of Education, and also the office of the governor. We have also had an opportunity to receive input from parents, staff and members of our community. Our top priority is to bring students back to our classrooms while instituting as many practices as possible to ensure the safety of all persons on our campuses.

Attached to this email you will find two important documents, the [Willoughby-Eastlake Reopening Guide for Families and Staff](#) and also the [Willoughby-Eastlake Reopening Frequently Asked Questions](#). Included in the documents is important information, such as answers to the questions sent to the district by parents, plans for cleaning buildings, descriptions of online classes and the mask policies for staff and students.

District employees will return to work on August 17<sup>th</sup> and the first two weeks will be used for professional development. ***The first day of classes for students has been delayed and will be August 31<sup>st</sup>.*** The changes created by this new schedule will not impact the last day of school for students and staff. It will however, mean that students will attend school on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>, two days that were previously scheduled for professional development.

As you read through the District's plans to return to school, please keep in mind that they are subject to change at any time. If Willoughby-Eastlake is given new directives by any of the agencies listed above, we will adjust our procedures accordingly.

I greatly appreciate the patience that you have shown during the past several months. I understand that this has been a frustrating time for all as we have moved through these strange and challenging circumstances. We will continue to share information with you as soon as we are aware of changes that might impact your student or your family.

We will continue to work through this together and together, Willoughby-Eastlake will remain strong.

Stay well,

***Steve Thompson***

Superintendent