

Dear Menta Staff and Families,

In an effort to engage in effective and ongoing communication during this critical time, we are writing to provide you with an update on our plans to reopen our schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Our plans follow all Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines.

Our teaching and learning team has worked to develop and train clinicians, teachers, and paraprofessionals for the Year of Possibilities at our schools. The following goals were developed to prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff, and communities while maintaining a rigorous and dynamic learning environment.

STUDENTS, STAFF, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS!!!!

- Maintain safety for students, staff, families, and community members
- Meet every student's needs through rigorous and dynamic learning systems
- Develop and implement training for our staff to address the effects of the trauma that has occurred during these difficult times for students, staff, families, and communities
- Increase mental health services for our students with intensive social emotional learning tools
- Meet the needs of our students where, when and how they need it

Our leadership teams have been working for months to prepare our schools for several possible scenarios when it comes to what our schools will look like in the fall of 2020-2021.

1. Hybrid Learning: Teaching and learning with students experiencing both remote and in person instruction. (Further detail attached)
2. Remote learning: Providing students and families who prefer to continue with remote learning an opportunity to do so. Our staff are attending summer trainings to ensure the learning is engaging and rigorous. Staff outreaches to families and students will continue with food deliveries, education materials deliveries, sidewalk chats, in person check and connects, related services, and counseling. Some of these services can occur in person at our buildings or at the student's home (weather permitting). (Further details will be provided as information from districts is received.)

While we do not yet have an answer on which scenarios will be possible, we will work to keep you informed as we determine what your child's school district is doing and how they will need us to proceed in the fall.

Please stay well and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Kind regards,

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