



Hancock Central School District

The Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Our Vision: Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

Core Beliefs:

- **Our mindset:** We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- **Collaboration:** We work better together, always.
- **Innovation:** We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- **Integrity:** We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- **Learning environment:** Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- **Student-centered:** We put students first.

PROTECT . . . RECOVER . . . ADVANCE

'Cat Restoration: Plan for Safely Reopening School in 2021-2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Parents, students and staff of the greater Hancock community are ready for schools to re-open in September. The big question is, how?

Schools find themselves balancing the need to open with the need to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff by complying with all health, safety and state requirements.

The 'Cat Restoration Task Force has been working at solving this complex puzzle. Our plan for Safely Reopening School is the result.

Please understand this plan must be flexible to meet the ever-changing dynamics of the Coronavirus and the government/medical responses related to this public-health crisis.

SCHOOL REOPENING SCENARIOS

• **In-Person**

Mandatory for all students to return to school for traditional in-building instruction.

• **Remote**

Digital/virtual instruction available for students who have a verifiable medical hardship.

• **In-Person with Disruption**

Circumstances prompt change from In-Person to Remote instruction.

Note: Each scenario must align with state learning standards and follow all COVID-19 health/safety guidelines.

The plan for Safely Reopening School outlines how the Hancock Central School District will safely teach, feed, transport and care for all students while school is in session during the COVID-19 public health crisis. The plan also explains how HCSD will communicate updates with students, staff, parents and other community members in a transparent and timely fashion.

Issues Addressed in the Plan

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** In classes, halls, buses, arrival/departure periods, cafeteria, restrooms, fire drills, and large group spaces.
- **FACE COVERINGS:** All requirements.
- **HANDWASHING:** Training and accessibility to sinks/hand sanitizer.
- **ISOLATION PROCESS:** For students or staff members who show COVID-19 symptoms once at school.
- **CHILDCARE:** All options.
- **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** Monitoring for signs of COVID-19 at home and caring for children with symptoms.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Clear and timely communication between school and home.
- **CLEANING/SANITIZING:** Training staff to ensure the safest possible school environment for all.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** To support teachers with remote-learning strategies.
- **HELPING STUDENTS READJUST:** To returning to school after a long period of time away.

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