

Franklin City Schools



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2020-21 School Year Calendar:

Throughout this summer, we have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year. District leadership has been meeting regularly, preparing professional development, developing reopening plans, and most importantly, staying flexible in response to changing guidelines and information from the governor's office, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Warren County Health Department. Additionally, I have been meeting weekly with the other Warren County superintendents and the county health department to ensure that Franklin's plans are approved and in compliance with all rules and regulations given to us. I can not thank Mrs. Donisi, Mr. McFarland, and Mr. Roberts enough for their hard work and dedication in seeing that we have a successful opening of schools that meets the needs of our students and staff while providing a safe environment in which to teach and learn.

With this said, in order to be properly prepared, we will need more time. At last night's meeting, the Franklin City Schools Board of Education approved a delay to the start of the school year. The new start date for teachers is August 27th, and the first day of school for students will be September 8th.

This delay will give us more time to assure a safe environment for all students and staff. It also provides time to prepare appropriate professional development dedicated to strengthening face-to-face and remote instructional practices, and training staff in new safety procedures that have been implemented. I will work to develop a new school calendar that will be presented to the board at the August 10th work session. Once a new school calendar is approved, it will be shared with the community.

Thank you for your continued flexibility and dedication to the students, staff, and community of Franklin. I look forward to seeing all our students and staff return to our buildings. In the meantime, stay healthy and enjoy the rest of your summer break with your family and friends.

Respectfully,

Dr. Michael D. Sander