



Elementary School:

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Vision and Purpose
Academic Success For All!

Mission
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July 17, 2020

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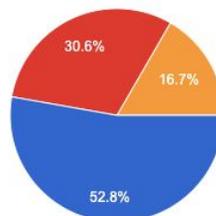
The Governor's Office released the MI Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap and Executive Order 2020-142. At The Academy for Business & Technology, our first priority is the health and safety of our students. We are pleased to see the Governor's guidelines, which offer schools useful direction surrounding a safe reopening. Based on these guidelines, it is clear there will be a variety of requirements for us to implement, and we have been planning all throughout the summer to ensure a safe return to school.

As we continue to receive guidance from the Governor's Office, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), administration is actively planning for all of the scenarios that may be involved to open schools in the fall. These scenarios include returning to school in a traditional manner, returning in a distance learning model, or returning to a hybrid model (combination of distance learning from home and attending school). We are also planning in the areas of busing, food service, and health and safety measures for returning to school. We are prepared to work with families and provide an educational opportunity that meets the needs of you and your child.

Thank you for the overwhelming response to our Reopening Survey. We received 108 parent responses representing 170 families. The responses reflect 88% of our currently enrolled students K-5. If school resumes in the fall with full time in-person instruction, 52.8% of parents would send their child to school. However, 30.6% of parents prefer a hybrid model and 16.75% prefer online as modes of instruction. Please see the chart below.

What is your preferred mode of instruction?

108 responses



- Traditional: Full on-site school opening that addresses social distancing requirements
- Hybrid: A hybrid model including distance learning and on-site adjusted scheduling
- Online: Distance Learning/remote instruction continues for fall opening

The School's Reopening Task Force Committee will continue to work over the next



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few weeks, using the Governor’s guidance, as well as guidance that will come out over the next month. They are putting together a plan that will reflect the best practices and requirements set forth to reflect the Reopening Phase designated for our area.

You will continue to receive updates throughout the summer. In the meantime, please take time to enjoy your summer. Remember to social distance, wear your mask when in public, and wash your hands. Our preventive actions between now and September will help us move towards opening school to full time in-person instruction.

Whether a traditional return with safety measures in place, a remote return or a hybrid model, school is scheduled to start for students on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (NOTE: this is a change from the last parent communication in June).

Thank you in advance for your commitment to work with us during this unprecedented time. We value your child’s safety and education and will continue to update you as we receive guidance.

Sincerely,

Alberta Galarza