



# Marion Central School District Office

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To Our Marion Families,

I would first like to thank you for your responses to our various surveys and patience, as we navigate through a very complex process of creating a plan to reopen school. The guidance we recently received from the NYS Education Department and NYS Department of Health requires us to establish extensive health and safety protocols, while simultaneously doing our best to emphasize “in-person” instruction in our schools. A copy of our full plan to do so can be found on our district webpage beginning July 31<sup>st</sup>. For your planning purposes, however, I wanted to share with all of you what we are currently thinking.

The feedback we received from the various leadership teams and stakeholder groups emphasized daily contact was best for the instructional, social and emotional health of our students. The health and safety guidance we received, however, requires a significant reduction in student capacity in order to maintain social distancing in our instructional spaces. As such, we will be running a “hybrid” model.

Students K-12 will be divided into either an AM cohort or PM cohort. We will do our best to keep families in the same cohort. Each student will attend a 2 ½ hour session in the AM or a 2 ½ hour session in the PM. A 90 minute slot between sessions will be used for disinfection protocols and student transportation. Students at the Jr-Sr High will do half of their schedule on one day, and the other half on the next. When not in attendance at school, students will be working on various digital instructional platforms. Masks will be required on busses, during transitions, and when not able to socially distance within the classroom. Once seated and socially distanced within the classroom, mask may be pulled down from their face.

I am sure you have many questions, and there are still many details to work out. More comprehensive information can be viewed in the full plan on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, building principals, myself and other members of the administration will continue to communicate updates as new information becomes available. To assist us moving forward, we will soon be asking you to answer additional questions and provide certain commitments in the areas of transportation, food service and potentially daycare.

Respectfully,

Don Bavis