



# Danville Area School District

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Dear Danville Area School District Community,

I hope you are enjoying summer activities while following CDC and PA DOH guidelines to ensure your good health and well-being. The DASD Pandemic Team has spent the last several weeks working on a proposed plan for a safe and equitable return to school for all students in the fall. I appreciate the input and feedback of teachers, staff, administrators, parents, and others regarding the health and safety of our students as we plan for the first day of the 2020-2021 school year. Currently, Northumberland and Montour Counties and in the “Green” phase. However, our planning continues to stress flexibility and fluidity, as cases have been increasing in other areas of Pennsylvania. We are planning to address changes in the phases and the potential to move across “Green,” “Yellow,” and “Red” phases.

## **Health and Safety Plan**

The DASD Pandemic Health and Safety Team has been developing a Health and Safety Plan that will need to be approved by the Danville Area School District Board of School Directors and submitted to the PA Department of Education (PDE) in order for our schools to open for in-person instruction in the “Yellow” or “Green” phases. The Health and Safety Plan includes addressing strategies including, but not limited to screening, protective equipment, social and emotional well-being of students and staff, transportation, social distancing, and cleaning. Both “Yellow” and “Green” plans cover the same topics but differ in what must, should, or may be included. It is the intention to submit the plan to the Board for consideration of approval at the July 22, 2020 board meeting. Please see the link for the draft version of planning on the Reopening tab on the DASD website.

In order to keep the community updated with new information and other communication, we have created a tab on our webpage ([www.danville.k12.pa.us](http://www.danville.k12.pa.us)) . Under this tab you will find the [Danville Community Survey](#) . We would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding the return to school plan that was presented at the July 15, 2020 school board meeting.

## **Ironmen Cyber Academy**

Ironmen Cyber Academy is a K – 12 educational learning environment designed to meet the needs of students who desire to pursue their education in a non-traditional format. The educational plan offers a cyber-program that includes interaction with highly qualified professional educators as well as support staff.

Enrolling in the Ironmen Cyber Academy means students will have the opportunity to experience flexible learning options with individualized learning paths and pacing. Students will learn from curriculum that is aligned to the PA state standards and integrates 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.

All Ironmen Cyber Academy students can earn a Danville Area School District diploma and participate in school events, extracurricular activities, athletics and supports.

All students will be working with certified subject area teachers. A support staff of technology, guidance counselors, and an administrator oversee this process to provide opportunities for success for all students enrolled in the Ironmen Cyber Academy. This is a FREE program for our students. Please contact Chris Johns, Director of Student Affairs at [cjohns@danvillesd.org](mailto:cjohns@danvillesd.org) .

In closing, you can email the Leadership Team at [reopening@danvillesd.org](mailto:reopening@danvillesd.org) with any questions, concerns, and/or suggestions regarding the fall reopening proposal. We may not have all the answers right away, but members of the team will read the emails and take them into consideration as we continue to plan and work to finalize the Health and Safety Plan.

Sincerely,

Ricki M. Boyle, Ph. D.  
Superintendent

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricki M. Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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