



# Danville Area School District

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Over the past eight weeks, the Leadership Team at Danville Area School District (DASD) has been working to develop a comprehensive and inclusive plan for reopening that addresses the needs of our students and families. On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, the DASD School Board met to review and consider the Health & Safety Plan for Reopening Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. A three-tiered reopening plan was presented and approved with a unanimous vote by the School Board.

In the planning process, the Leadership Team explored various instructional delivery scenarios and focused on effective instruction while considering the social and emotional well-being of our students. The DASD plan has three distinct instructional approaches that will be enacted based off a combination of guidance from the PA Department of Health, State Government Officials, and the Center for Disease Control with careful monitoring of conditions in our communities. The tiers include traditional in-person learning, Bridge Model synchronous on-line learning, and the Ironmen Cyber Academy.

At this time Dr. John Bickhart, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology in conjunction with Mr. Jeffrey Ryan, Director of Information Technology is preparing and purchasing the hardware and software to enable a system of high quality online learning. Much of the software will be available for the traditional classroom model as well. For six (6) days in August, staff will participate in professional development that will include the following trainings: health and safety procedures and protocols, delivering online learning, social and emotional well-being, Title IX requirements, software implementation, and effective virtual instruction. A strong focus will be made on teachers' planning and preparing for teaching and learning in relation to the Bridge and Ironmen Cyber learning options. Teachers will be doing t runs for all situations prior to the start of school.

To date we have received over 650 responses from the Back to School Parent Survey. The survey link will remain on the Reopening tab on the DASD webpage ([www.danville.k12.pa.us](http://www.danville.k12.pa.us)) until the end of the day on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The survey typically takes less than five minutes to complete. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to provide your information and choice for model of instruction. Additionally, we are in the process of scheduling Zoom Academic Informational Meetings with Dr. Bickhart where parents may log on using links that can be found on the website to ask questions regarding the three instructional models. The meetings will be:

Wednesday, July 29 @ 4:30 – 6:00 PM – [Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

Thursday, July 30 @ 12:00 – 1:30 PM – [Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

Monday, August 3 @ 9:00 – 10:30 AM – [Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

Tuesday, August 4 @ 5:00 – 6:30 PM – [Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

Wednesday, August 5 @ 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – [Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

I appreciate all you have done to support our community during these unique times and want you to know that we will continue to do the best we can to provide you with appropriate, flexible, safe, and equitable options for your family. We are very excited to see our students back in our schools on August 27, 2020.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricki M. Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

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