

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 6, 2021

Dear Crawford Central Families:

Our country is living through extraordinary challenges. However, we need to get students back to in-person instruction which is essential for their social, emotional, physical and academic well-being.

In the latest report from Brown University School of Public Health, they state “schools should use metrics of community spread as general points of information, not on-off switches for closure and opening.” In June and July policy guidance was on the basis of the best available knowledge at the time. The report further explains their metrics were based on the idea that opening for in-person learning hinged on judgements about capacity to implement infection control procedures at the average daily case rate of 25 cases/100,000 people. It is now known that it is in fact possible to implement infection controls that minimize risk even at higher levels of community spread. Schools that can develop that capacity to implement infection control procedures should seek to stay open for in-person learning even at higher levels of community spread.

Based on the recommendations for Pre-K to 12 schools following identification of cases of COVID-19, our ability to case investigate, contact trace and clean impacted areas or buildings, supports our desire to move towards in-person instruction.

Beginning Monday, January 11, 2021, all Crawford Central students will transition back to the A-B-A-B-C hybrid model of learning.

On “A” days (Monday and Wednesday) students will be divided according to their building cohort and will report to school for in-person learning. Virtual learning will occur on “B” days.

On “B” days (Tuesday and Thursday) students will be divided according to their building cohort and will report to school for in-person learning. Virtual learning will occur on “A” days.

On “C” days (Friday) all students will learn virtually.

On both “A” and “B” days (Monday through Thursday) If your child has an Individual Education Plan and you received a letter from the Special Services Office to continue education for 4 days a week, in person instruction will occur Monday through Thursday.

Crawford County Career and Technical Center (CCCTC) students may attend the CCCTC on both “A” and “B” days (Monday through Thursday) but only attend his or her high school on the designated A or B day.

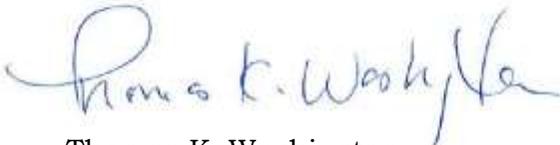
During the A-B-A-B-C Hybrid Schedule student meal distribution will be as follows; Students present will be served breakfast and lunch with an option to take home the next day’s meals. Weekend meals are available for pickup at Meadville Area Senior High School and Cochranon Jr.-Sr. High School between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We will still follow the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have questions or concerns as it relates to the hybrid schedule, please contact the building principal to discuss them.

We recognize the impact on families’ lives and schedules but our first, most important job is to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff, and the way we do that is to work closely with and listen to our health and safety experts. This information is subject to change based on directives, mandates and guidance from various state and federal departments, agencies, and offices.

Please follow the latest travel guidelines, masking requirements and continue to practice safe social distancing. Wash your hands properly and thoroughly. Together we can minimize the spread of COVID-19 and return to full in-person instruction as soon as possible.

Please stay safe as we move into the next phase of our journey through this pandemic. Be encouraged, stay encouraged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas K. Washington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Thomas K. Washington
Superintendent of Schools