
Re-opening Plan



2023-2024



Focus

- We are committed to:
 - Providing a high-quality, in-person education for all students
 - Remaining fiscally responsible
 - Focusing on a positive path forward with open minds and hearts



Flood Damage Update

- The Middle-Senior High School sustained significant damage
 - We are working with MANY entities to assess, mitigate, and apply for aid
 - Berks County Emergency Management
 - PEMA
 - FEMA
 - PDE/BCIU
 - Next step is a “Joint PDA” (preliminary damage assessment)
 - Followed by application for aid
 - There is no access allowed to the MSHS
 - All contents that can be saved are being moved either to the MPPC or to a warehouse space in Muhlenberg (provided by the BCIU)
 - The MSHS will **NOT** be a viable option for the fall for educating students
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Approved Re-Opening Option #1: Educate All Students “On-Site”

Summary of Option

- Move grade 3 to the MPPC
 - House grades 4-12 (in alternating timeframes) at the MPEC
 - Utilize local church spaces to accommodate “Elective Centers” for grades 7-12
 - Partner with local districts/colleges for AP offerings and other specialized courses/classrooms
 - Allow flexibility with scheduling, credits, and online offerings where necessary
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Option 1 Considerations:

Classroom Space

- Move grade 3 to MPPC
 - Specialists (K-6) and all non-teaching staff share spaces and/or are mobile (travel to classrooms to teach)
 - Grades 7-12 will occupy the ground floor of the MPEC and one wing of the first floor
 - Grades 7-8 core classes only in the AM (4 periods available)
 - Grades 9-12 core classes only in the PM (5 periods available)
 - Electives for grades 7-12 hosted off-site at local churches (walking distance - 7th/8th grade students escorted)
 - Grades 9-12 in the AM
 - Grades 7-8 in the PM
 - All students have a full day, in-person
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Option 1 Considerations:

Scheduling

- All students in grades 7-12 will need to receive a newly created schedule- current Master schedule cannot be utilized this year
 - All core classes may need to be homogeneous depending on numbers of sections and staffing/classroom space available for grades 9-12. AP classes will be offered.
 - Some teaching assignments may change due to AM/PM core content sessions and needs for AP and electives for grades 9-12
 - Class sizes may increase, but larger classes will be staffed accordingly as teachers are available (co-teaching)
 - Morning session core teachers will push into afternoon classes to co-teach/support as available
 - Afternoon session core teachers (who have no AP responsibilities) will push into morning classes to co-teach/support as available
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Option 1 Considerations:

Teachers/Staff

- This option does not impact the number of teachers/staff needed
- Planning time, lunch time, and travel time (if needed) will be provided for all teachers as per the bargaining agreement
- Teacher schedules will most likely be different than those shared in June

Food Service

- In order to serve all students, students may need to eat breakfast/lunch in classrooms.
 - Grades 7-12 may need to utilize a “grab-and-go” format/brown bag option
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Option 1 Considerations:

Traffic/Parking/Transportation:

- There will be increased traffic in Mt. Penn in the area of the MPEC and MPPC.
- Designated parking areas for staff/students - will utilize church lots as needed
- Staggered arrival dismissal (already in place)
- No additional transportation needs or costs



Next Steps

- Administration will continue to plan for the approved option
 - Regular Board Meetings will be held to discuss any updates to the plan.
 - Planning will be ongoing and details are sure to change along the way - we will continue to pivot as needed
 - Once a schedule is in place, the schedule will be communicated to families in time for the start of school on August 21, 2023.
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