

Oxford Area School District

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Dear Oxford Area School District Stakeholders,

Updated information has been given by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) as to when we will tentatively be allowed back to school. The PDE has announced that we may bring non-essential staff back to school starting the 7th and 8th of April and open for students on the 9th. However, the District will not open this week except for cleaning and preparation for our opening because we will observe the spring calendar as students will be officially on vacation the week of April 6-13. Additionally, this will allow for further social distancing as our county of Chester was identified as one of the few counties in the Commonwealth that has more severe social distancing in place, at least as of this moment. The District will plan at this time to open April 14 for both staff and students.

During this period of extended shut-down, Oxford Area School District is increasing the enrichment experience by working with teaching staff through the rest of this week to make the student experience robust. As of the start of next week, professional staff should have greater capability to provide ungraded enrichment so that the learning may continue to occur in the homes. The District is very proud of the great work put forth by both the teachers and the students during this shut down of schools across the Commonwealth.

Please note that while nothing is for certain in our guidance with the anticipated opening on April 14, 2020, we are having discussions at the administrative level as to what school will look like when we finally return. Athletics, social events like prom, field trips, and other activities will all be thoughtfully considered with guidance from Commonwealth and County partners. Please understand that when we do return, we will, in all likelihood, be in level 2 of our Phase Level Action Plan, which may be referenced on our webpage. Additionally, our Food Service Staff had been working hard and doing a tremendous job in helping to feed children in our District. With two cycles already completed, we will schedule a third cycle in early April with the date of service to be announced separately.

On behalf of the District, I want thank each person that has contributed to or is benefitting from our instruction and services for your flexibility, patience and service to the broader community as you continue to practice social distancing and at home learning so that we may be readily prepared to continue when we return to school.

Enjoy the day.

David Woods
Superintendent of Schools