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Dear Sherman Eagle community,

On behalf of Sherman educators, we would like to thank you for your patience and support as the district navigates through this COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on our school year. Never in our wildest dreams did we think that there would be a period of time that would keep us from our students for this long. It has been tough for us and I know it has been equally challenging on you as parents, students and community members.

As I’m sure you have heard by now, we will be starting school in RED instead of Yellow on September 8, 2020. Both our start date and our original starting plan have changed over the last week as a result of changes to Level RED status regarding COVID-19 cases in Lucas county. (Please visit www.tps.org for more information on the reopening status indicators). The district will be making a determination of which status to continue the school year with after October 1st. We are currently making adjustments to make this as successful a start as possible.

There is a new virtual academy that the district has added to meet the needs of those families that wish to have their students educated 100% online. With this academy, there is a commitment of at least 1 full semester of enrollment to be a part of this schooling and would need to continue if the district does switch its status to in person learning. You can go to www.tps.org by Friday 8/7/2020 to find out more and/or register for this academy.

Lastly, here are the things that we know at this point:

- Teachers will report to work on August 19 and begin receiving training to prepare for online instruction
- All students will be scheduled for all 3 levels of education i.e. RED, YELLOW OR GREEN with an A/B schedule. Parents will receive these schedules during the week of 8/24/2020.
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- The status of GREEN/RED/YELLOW could change throughout the year.
- All students will receive a Chromebook. Instead of 1 device per family it will be 1 device per student.
- Chromebook distribution will take place from August 31-September 4th. Parents will be given instructions on how to use these devices at pick up. During this time parents will be asked to turn in any paperwork that was mailed to them over the summer.
- The dress code will be modified but will include face masks within the building.
- School begins on September 8th. Kindergarten start date has not been determined.

Here is what we don’t know yet:

- How meals will be distributed
- How testing will occur- Kindergarten screening, OST etc.
- When kindergartners will start
- When and how Open House will take place

If you have any questions please feel free to call the office at 419-671-6550. We will do our best to answer or get answers for you. Office hours are from 9-3 until further notice. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

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