August 4, 2020

Falcon Nation

This past spring was anything but typical for our school community. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) forced us to create remote learning plans overnight, deliver instruction in new and unique ways (sometimes without access to technology), and try to maintain a sense of family while being socially distant. On behalf of everyone at Constantine Public Schools, I commend our Falcon community for coming together during this challenging time. It is clear that when we work together, our students, our staff members, and our community thrive.

This summer, Governor Gretchen Whitmer unveiled the MI Safe Start Plan, a guide outlining a phasing structure to support Michiganders as we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, on June 30, a MI Safe Schools: 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap was provided to guide educators as they develop their own return to school plans based on each of the phases from the MI Safe Start Plan. With guidance from the St. Joseph County Department of Health and Human Services, we are glad to share our plan with you www.constps.org. Included in this plan, please find:

- Learning options (in-person, Constantine Experience remote, Constantine Tech virtual)
- What will happen if remote instruction is required due to illness
- Cleaning protocols
- Health screening
- Transportation expectations
- Information about athletics and extracurricular activities
- And more!

Constantine Public Schools will be sending a registration survey for the 2020/2021 school year on August 4, 2020. This will help Constantine Public Schools identify staffing, curriculum, and the needs of our parents/students.

Constantine administration has taken input from community members, staff, parents, and education professionals to provide a safe and productive learning environment for all of our stakeholders. The Constantine School district will also use staff and community surveys to plan the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. These plans will be developed with the health and safety of the Constantine community in mind.
In-Person Instruction:

- Face to face instructions with safety and procedures in accordance with MI Safe Start Plan.

Constantine Experience: (REMOTE LEARNING)

- The Constantine Experience is teacher-led instruction with the opportunity to view “live” and recorded lessons.

Constantine Tech: (VIRTUAL LEARNING)

- All work is completed in an online format.

Please continue to follow all COVID-19 health and safety recommendations from the St. Joseph County Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Cleaning your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Putting distance between yourself and other people (at least 6 feet).
- Covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering when around others.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean your hands after throwing away the tissue.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently-touched objects and surfaces daily.

It is our goal to ensure equitable access to education for all our students while continuing to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone in our school community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student’s building principal.

It is an honor to serve you as the next superintendent of Constantine Public Schools. I look forward to working with our driven students, dedicated staff, committed community, and passionate alumni. Go Falcons!

If you have any questions please contact the building principals or the main office.

Sincerely,

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