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## **Pulaski County Schools Announce Reopening Plans**

The Pulaski County public school corporations appreciate the patience and understanding of our families and communities during the last few months. Pulaski County Superintendents are working together to create a Countywide Reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. As we work to finalize the plan, we would like to share with you the guiding principles that we are using. These principles are based on current health and safety recommendations and guidance from the Indiana Governor, Indiana State Department of Health, and Pulaski County Health Department.

Pulaski County Schools will:

- Start school as scheduled with no alteration to published school calendars
- Implement appropriate safety measures as recommended by state and county health officials
- Adapt protocols as needed based on evolving county and state conditions

These measures include, but are not limited to:

- Encourage students and staff members to wear masks especially when social distancing is difficult
- Provide frequent opportunities for hand washing and/or hand sanitation
- Require students and staff to follow established protocol for return to school after illness
- Maximize instructional space and scheduling flexibility
- Employ enhanced cleaning procedures with additional hand sanitizer stations
- Adjust lunches to maximize available open space
- Identify and separate space in school clinics to treat symptomatic students
- Restrict visitors and guests in our buildings

These plans have been created through consultation with local reopening task forces and conversations with the local health department. More details will be forthcoming from each school district in mid-July.

Please understand that these are beginning steps as we plan to return to school this fall and that as guidance changes, modifications may be made.

Thank you for supporting your Pulaski County public schools as we look forward to a safe reopening for the 2020-2021 school year.

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