

BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS

7/17/20

Re: Blanchester Schools Reopening Guide

Dear Parents/guardians,

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "unprecedented" as "not done or experienced before". That is truly something schools across the country have been tasked to do these last few months. Therefore, we ask, when you read through our Reopening Guide and PowerPoint you read it with patience, appreciate our efforts and understand we were given a monumental task that has never been seen or done before, "unprecedented" one might say.

I hope you find the Reopening Guide and PowerPoint slides helpful as to what next school year will look like. I'm confident the document will prompt many more questions than answers and/or the need for further clarification. Therefore, we have set up an email account to address parent's questions. The address is blanreopeningfga@blan.org and the **password is Blan2020**. We hope you will use this venue to ask us your questions or get further clarification. The address will be open for the next two (2) week through Friday, July 31, 2020.

The Reopening Guide provides parents with two options, Traditional or Virtual Learning. We sincerely hope the Traditional Learning option is your preference. However, if isn't we most certainly understand and will work with you in getting started virtually.

We followed the Governor' guidelines which is to require employees to wear a face covering and strongly recommend that students do the same.

I'll close with a quote written by Chuck Swindoll that would be wise for us to consider and heed during these "unprecedented" times and as ALL of us begin the "unprecedented" work to reopen Blanchester Schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, education, money, circumstances, failure, successes, or what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

"I am convinced that life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes."

Keep laughing and learning,

Dean D. Lynch