

OWENS-WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

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Aug. 6, 2020

Owens-Whitney Parents and Students,

I am writing at this time to announce that Owens Elementary School Governing Board unanimously approved the recommended Roadmap to Reopening as well as the Instructional Model that will begin on August 17th. The complete Roadmap to Reopening Document and summary can be found on the OESD website at: https://www.owens-whitney.org/.

After serious consideration of numerous factors surrounding Covid-19 as well as input from parents and staff members, the Governing Board approved the recommendation to open the school using the **In-Person – All Students Model**.

As noted in prior communications, this model directs that all enrolled students will attend regular <u>In-Person</u> classes in the traditional model. Please be advised that as Covid-19 metrics change in our community, the Roadmap to Reopening provides guidance that <u>may</u> require the school to shift from the In-Person model to a Distance Learning model. Communication with parents and the community will be provided as needed in the event that the health metrics change throughout the school year.

We understand that parents and students alike have varying concerns about returning to school. Please realize that our staff and Governing Board have carefully considered these concerns and have instituted a mitigation plan that offers the best opportunity to get students back into the classrooms safely. You will be receiving additional information from the school detailing the steps we are taking to keep students, staff and parents safe while we prepare to reopen our schools.

Sincerely,

Bryan Bullington