

Ann Arbor Public Schools

Student & School Safety Update

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COVID-19 Pandemic Update from AAPS

The Ann Arbor Public Schools has been in virtual learning since March 16, 2020. The health and safety of students and staff is our number one priority. As we continue this fall in the online learning status, we are working with our schools to prepare for in-person learning as soon as the COVID-19 positivity percentage is deemed at an acceptable level. AAPS uses a matrix of data from Harvard Global Health Institute, John Hopkins Health Institute, MI Safe Schools 2020-2021 Return to School Roadmap, MI Safe Start Plan, Washtenaw County Health Department, WHO, the CDCC and the University of Michigan positive case rates to determine the safety of in-person instruction. When the matrix confirms reduced levels of positive case percentages AAPS will begin bringing students back into the classroom starting with the youngest students.

As part of the preparation to in-person learning each school will have a walk/bike map posted for families to provide options to bus riding and driving to schools. AAPS will be encouraging walk/bike modes to reduce the number of students riding buses and will discourage carpools. While we understand carpools are highly promoted during “normal” times, they are not recommended during a time of a pandemic.

Update on Safe Routes to School Grants

AAPS continues to work with the Michigan Fitness Safe Routes to School office to extend existing grants due to delays in implementation as a result of COVID-19.

As students return to school AAPS will continue to implement the SRTS plans with a larger emphasis on walking and biking instead of riding the bus and car trips.

Status of SRTS Grants:

Thurston Elementary - \$4,628.18 remain in the budget, 7% complete- requesting extension

Lawton Elementary - \$4,305.00 remaining, 14% complete -requesting extension

A2 STEAM -K-8 - \$12,071.11 remaining, 25% complete -requesting extension

Burns Park Elementary and Dicken Elementary- \$10,068.25 remaining, 0% complete – extended for 1 year.

New grants: Bach, King and Ann Arbor Open, \$14,664, 0% complete – extension for 1 year

School crossing guards were placed on lay-off for the fall by the City of Ann Arbor. Crossing guards are a shared budget with AAPS. Crossing guards were paid fully through a joint agreement through June 12, 2020. The city anticipates re-hiring crossing guards in time for the first in-person learning.