

PLYMOUTH-SHILOH LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Big Red Nation,

We are excited as the beginning of our school year comes closer and we welcome our students back on August 31. As we all continue to work together our hope is to once again have our students learning in our classrooms. This reopening of school will be unlike any we have previously experienced. We have been working hard throughout the summer to prepare for a safe and successful opening. If we all remain flexible we will be able to handle unexpected situations as they occur. The information we receive from the Ohio Department of Health, the Richland County Health Department, the Office of the Governor and the CDC is ever changing. We will continue to communicate changes as they happen through our district social media sites and other district forms of communication.

With student and staff safety being our priority we have developed a reopening plan, approved by our Board of Education, to keep everyone safe so learning can take place. The Reopening Plan is posted on our district social media sites. It is important our parents, students, and staff become familiar with our plan and work together to execute the plan in place. We need the support of all involved in regards to the new safety guidelines and personal hygiene practices. For this plan to be successful it is of the utmost importance that families monitor their own health and keep students home when any symptoms of illness are evident.

In order to serve our students in our buildings we need to have healthy teachers and staff. If we are unable to secure substitute teachers and staff we will be unable to continue with learning in our buildings. If we are unable to staff our buildings it will be necessary for our remote learning plan for all students to be utilized. As we welcome students back to our buildings it is important that every family works with our schools to ensure we are able to remain open. Please be vigilant in monitoring your health and supportive of the new guidelines and procedures as inconveniences may occur that are related to the reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Please remember that the reopening plan is subject to changing quickly based on directives from government agencies. We ask for all to stay flexible as changes occur. We will continue to work to develop the best plan for the students of the Plymouth-Shiloh Local District in collaboration with the Richland County Health Department.

Communication will be the key as we move forward to educate our students. Our pledge will be to keep all informed as much as possible as we move towards the safe reopening of our schools. Please feel free to contact me personally if you have any questions or concerns as we welcome our students back to school on August 31.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Turson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Brad Turson