



EVERY CHILD. EVERY SCHOOL. EVERY DAY.

May Schools Update Committee of the Whole

May 14th, 2020

Highlights from our Schools



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-----Aligned School Calendar -----

- Start of School for Students Common Opening Week Window: August 4 - August 11, 2020
**YEARLY WINDOW: Within 7 days following the First Tuesday of the month of August
- Single Day Holidays – Yearly Common Single Holidays
- Fall Break Common Fall Break Window
- Thanksgiving Break Common Thanksgiving Break Days
- Winter Break Common Winter Break Days
- Mardi Gras Break Common Mardi Gras Window: Common Spring Break Window



Key Updates- COVID-19

School Facility Closure Status:

- Gov. Edwards has called school buildings to remain closed for the remainder of the school year
- Mayor Cantrell has extended the stay at home order to May 16, 2020
- All NOLA-PS schools are continuing to provide remote learning through the end of the school year

Core Organizational Priorities in Response to COVID-19:

- Ensure schools have supports to provide ongoing learning support to students
- Ensure schools citywide can continue to provide nutritional programming to students
- Provide essential information to schools on the potential financial impacts in the short and long run
- Identify and help solve for any other system-wide needs or challenges that may arise
- Provide essential information to the public on the status of school and resources available



Key Updates- COVID-19 Response and Support

➤ *Providing Support and Guidance on Closing*

- Conducting weekly meetings with all school leaders
- Ensuring schools have up to date information from LDOE and other state or city agencies
- Providing Specific Guidance on:
 - 8th Grade and High School Promotional Decisions
 - Facility Access
 - Special Education Services
 - Summer School Planning
- Planning for Graduation Activities – District and Schools
- Coordinating citywide feeding and ensuring continuous summer feeding
 - 1,000,000th Meal
 - Summer Planning: 90% of Community Feeding Sites will remain open after the end of the school year.



Key Updates- COVID-19 *Planning* and Support-

➤ *Planning for 2020-2021 School Year*

- Through Weekly Meetings With Leaders- *Preparing school leaders and their teams to be prepared*
 - Process for school planning (team, action steps)
 - Robust scenario planning, based upon various social distancing requirements
 - Sharing of best practices and coordinating on operational planning
 - Development of school planning guide inclusive of protocols for school operations and safety, distance learning diverse learners, professional development, etc.
 - Collection of academic and operational plans from schools in June
- Acquiring expertise to advise on the safe opening and running of schools
 - Acquiring support from public health experts on reopening protocols
- Coordinating regularly with state and local agencies
- Continuing Internal COVID-19 School Response Team
- Conducting weekly working groups with leaders on topics related to reopening
 - Continually assessing and planning to address needs at the school and district level



Planning for 2020-2021: Operations

- *Planning for Safe Opening and Daily Management of Schools*
 - Public Health Services: NOLA-PS will engage with a public health professional to consult on the creation of a School Reopening Framework. Scope of work includes items such as:
 - Ensure the Reopening Framework is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health and the New Orleans Health Department:
 - All operations and vendor services; child nutrition, custodial, transportation, student/staff entry, exit and transitions, athletic events, PPE requirements, etc.
 - Chronic disease considerations for students and staff.
 - Standard practices for the screening, identification, isolation, reporting and re-entry of persons with symptoms associated with COVID-19.
 - Standard communication templates for potential and known positive encounters of COVID-19 with students, staff, or community.
 - Evaluate health data and aid the district in making school and system wide closure decisions.

Planning for 2020-2021: Technology Planning for 20-21

- The Louisiana Department of Education has prioritized funding to support LA schools reaching a 1:1 technology device and connectivity goal for all students statewide.

Device	% of Student Population *
Computers issued by NOLA-PS	21%
Computers issued by schools	18%
Est. of Students using some device of their own (computer/tablet/phone)	41%
Est. of students without device	20%

In order to ensure all students have access to equitable device and classrooms have necessary instructional tools, the goal is to acquire at least 36,000 devices in advance of the 2020-2021 school year

Internet	% Of Student Population
Students with connectivity via NOLA-PS Hotspot	17%
Est. Students with connectivity independently	63%
Est. of students without access to internet	20%

Coghill Planning Update

- Budget Created
 - Budget drafted, updated based upon current enrollment
- Staffing
 - Majority of positions have been filled
 - Planning for staff orientation and development
- Instructional Planning
 - Curriculum and Special Education audits
 - Development of instructional priorities
- School Protocols and Procedures
 - Development of handbooks, protocols

