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BUCKEYE CAREER CENTER ANNOUNCES 2020 RE-START PLAN

New Philadelphia, OH (July 22, 2020) – In response to the COVID-19 health pandemic, Buckeye Career Center is announcing an amended style of learning for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. The plan was presented to and approved by the BCC Board of Education July 21, 2020. This re-start plan was formulated in accordance with guidance from the Ohio Health Department, Governor Mike DeWine, and our local health departments. It follows the Ohio Public Health Advisory System color codes.

Buckeye Career Center students will begin the school year during the week of August 24-28 with a one-day orientation. Students have been divided by school district with approximately 200 students attending each day to complete orientation and first day of school activities. Students should only attend that week on the day their partner school is scheduled. The schedule is as follows: 8/24: New Philadelphia and Conotton Valley; 8/25: Dover, Garaway, and Hiland; 8/26: Claymont, Strasburg, TCC, open-enrolled; 8/27: Indian Valley and Newcomerstown; and 8/28: Carrollton, Tusky Valley, all home school, and all virtual students.

Education at BCC will formally begin in the Level Two-Orange learning model beginning August 31st through at least September 25th. Students will experience a blended learning model of in-person and online learning that allows seniors to attend in-person, all day lab Monday, Tuesday, and every other Wednesday. They will complete online academics from home every other Wednesday and every Thursday and Friday. Juniors and level one seniors will complete online academics every Monday, Tuesday, and every other Wednesday. They will participate in all day, in person lab every other Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Should Tuscarawas County move to the Level Three-Red category, BCC will continue Level Two scheduling for three weeks to assess the situation before adjusting our educational methods. If Tuscarawas County enters the Level Four-Purple category, all education will be moved online. Should the county move to Level One-Yellow, and remain there for three consecutive weeks, education will move to every day, in-person learning. Superintendent Bob Alsept believes this plan allows students to receive the best education possible during a time of uncertainty. “This blended plan allows us to provide the safest environment related to social distancing and cleaning,” commented Alsept. “It also allows us to transition students and staff back to school in a consistent manner through September 25, 2020,” he said. Adult Education full-time, EMS/Fire, and apprenticeships will begin September 14th. Part-time courses are postponed until November 1st. Registered students should contact the adult education office with any questions. More details regarding adult education will be released at a later date.

In order to protect our students and staff, visitors will be limited and customer service will be limited until November. Face coverings are required for staff in every level of the plan, while coverings are recommended but only required for students if we enter Level Three-red. Students

and staff are asked to conduct daily temperature and health evaluations at home prior to reporting to BCC. If a Level Three is announced, temperature checks will be conducted on-site and any staff member or student with a temperature of 100 degrees or above will be asked to return home. This plan is meant to help guide our administration throughout this process and to help keep our BCC community safe. Shields and sanitizing stations have already been added around the facility and additional thermometers are ordered for each lab and classroom. Cleaning and sanitizing will be completed throughout the day. “Spray bottles and cloths will be made available at each desk or table for sanitizing after each class,” said Alsept. Deep cleaning and aerosol fogging is also planned for each evening.

Families are encouraged to review the entire re-start plan by visiting <http://www.buckeyecareercenter.org/Re-Start2020.aspx>. A one page, informational sheet will be mailed to each BCC family along with important orientation information. The informational sheet will also be posted on the BCC social media channels. Anyone with questions regarding the plan or student needs should contact Buckeye Career Center at 330.339.2288.

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