

August 6, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

This is an updated letter from the one I sent last week. As everyone is aware, this is a historical beginning of school like we have never experienced before and things change daily. This letter will hopefully provide some answers to questions that you may have regarding Excel TECC programs and the upcoming school year. Please take a look at all the information below:

### **PROGRAM START DATES AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- Mayfield HS Programs: (CADD, Cosmetology, CBI, Environmental Education, Fire/EMS Training Academy, Interactive Media, Information Technology, Medical Technologies) will begin on August 17, 2020 with all instruction being delivered remotely. Please note, **the Construction Trades program will meet in person 5 days per week**. The reason is for this is because the facility is located in Lake County (Willoughby) which is currently “orange” according to the Ohio Department of Health.
- Willoughby-Eastlake Programs: (Allied Health, Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Business Academy, Cosmetology, LPN, Medical Assisting, Welding) will begin on August 24, 2020 with all students attending in person 5 days per week
- Aurora HS Programs: (Digital Art & Technology) will begin August 26, 2020 with all students attending in person 5 days per week.
- Beachwood HS Programs: (Culinary, Marketing, TEACH) will begin on August 24, 2020 with all instruction being delivered remotely.
- Chagrin Falls HS: (Performing Arts) will begin on August 31, 2020 with all instruction being delivered remotely
- Brush HS: (Exercise Science) will begin on September 1, 2020 with all instruction being delivered remotely.
- Orange HS: Studio Art will begin on August 31, 2020 with all instruction being delivered remotely
- \*\*\* Please note that the above information is subject to change \*\*\*

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- All Excel TECC programs that will be meeting in person will still have transportation provided from the home school, to the program location and back to the home school
- Face coverings are required to be worn by every student at all times during transport and busses will be deep cleaned at the end of every school day

## INSTRUCTIONAL UPDATE

- Based on guidance from the Cuyahoga County Department of health, almost all programs that are housed at schools in Cuyahoga County will have remote instruction. Programs housed outside Cuyahoga County will still meet in person. We hope that at some point we will be able to get all students back in person as that is vital to the unique hands on learning that is so important to Career Technical Education programs. For more information and guidance from the Ohio Department of Education, please click on this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-L9z1Q0qNlix74CqLM2Jhibwlen1AQvYbcOeRLJvoAU/edit?usp=sharing>
- While some students enrolled in an Excel TECC program must attend in person, they may still exercise their option to take their academics at their home school online. That will not jeopardize their enrollment in their respective career technical program. **There will not be an option for remote learning in any Excel TECC program unless the hosting district is fully remote or a mandated shutdown occurs.**

## ORIENTATION

- The Orientation that was previously scheduled for Mayfield HS on August 13, 2020 has been cancelled. In the alternative, Director Nate Bishko will provide a video to parents and students addressing many of your concerns and questions. It will be posted on the Mayfield Excel TECC website by August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Specific to programs housed in Willoughby-Eastlake, a virtual orientation will be on August 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. That information has already been emailed to incoming juniors
- Exercise Science and Sports Rehabilitation will hold a virtual orientation on August 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Information will be emailed.
- Performing Arts Academy will have an online orientation on August 26, 2020 at 7 p.m. Information will be emailed to students
- In the near future, if not already, your program instructor will be reaching out to you with more program specific details

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at the Excel TECC office at 440-995-6751. On behalf of the entire Excel TECC staff we look forward to an exciting year of learning.

Sincerely



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Director of Excel TECC