

# Pioneer Blast

Mooresville Schools

Dr. Disney speaks to the 2020 graduates and their guests.

Aug. 3, 2020

## Ready for the First Day

The steps to the first day of school this year are certainly different in some ways, but in many ways they are similar to every school year. Our teachers are preparing classrooms for engaged learning. Our students and their families are getting their school supplies together. Our administrators are checking over lists and schedules. Our support staff is making sure every school building, cafeteria, school bus, and campus is ready.



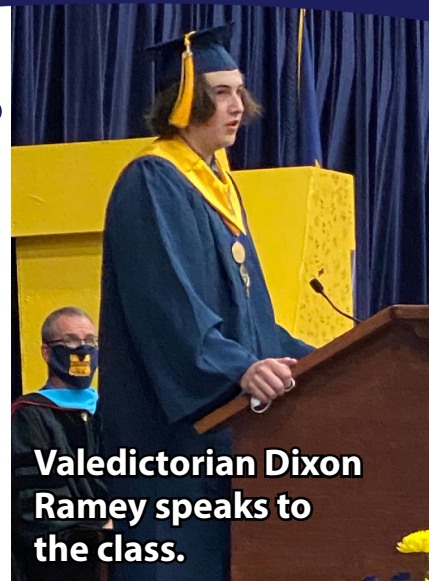
**Superintendent  
Randy Taylor**

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## Congratulations Class of 2020!

Mooresville's first socially distanced graduation celebrated the achievements of 343 students. The event also marked the latest graduation ceremony in Mooresville's history and the first live broadcast of the event.

Find the [MHS Graduation Video here](#).



**Valedictorian Dixon  
Ramey speaks to  
the class.**

## Return to Learn Reminders

As the first day of school draws near, we remind parents to please read and be familiar with our Return to Learn documents. With recent updates from the Indiana State Department of Health and the Governor's office, the [Morgan County Health Department Guidelines for Morgan County Schools](#) document has been updated. Please review this document to learn about how our district will handle health issues related to COVID-19 this year. The schools' [Pathways to Reopening](#) documents have also been slightly updated to reflect the new health department document links, that elearning students may participate in virtual events and some elementary recess updates.

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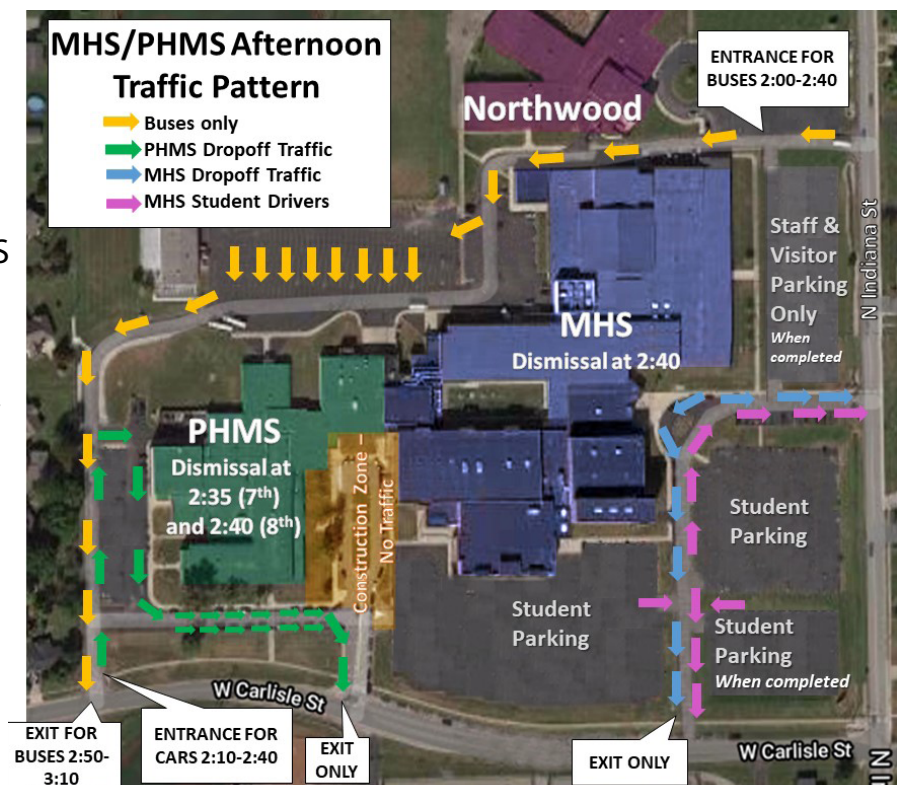
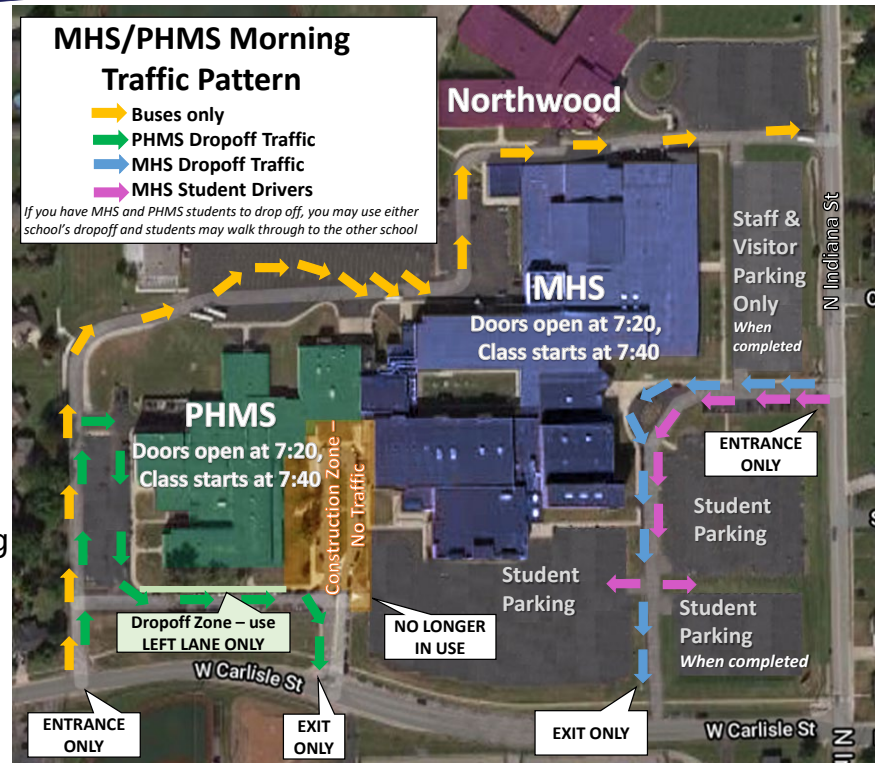


# MHS/PHMS Traffic Changes

The morning and afternoon traffic patterns around MHS, PHMS and Northwood will have a new look this fall. Work has begun to add two parking lots on the east and southeast sides of the MHS campus. The new parking lots will provide more than 270 new parking spaces. In addition, the project includes two more areas for traffic to enter and exit the campus.

PHMS parents picking students up will have one of the biggest changes, as they will enter PHMS from the far west entrance. The loop between MHS and PHMS will be closed to all traffic for construction of the new wellness facility which will begin later this year.

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PHMS 7th Grade  
Orientation



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## Return to Learn 2020-2021

### *Elementary Back-to-School Events*

All elementary schools will hold modified Back-to-School Events.  
Elementary eLearners will receive information about virtual events.  
In-school class lists will be posted Monday, August 3, at noon.

#### All Elementary Schools Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Grades 4-6 Drive-Through Back to School 5:00-6:00p.m.** – Parents and students stay in cars, staff wear masks and hand out overview/highlights/syllabus/etc. Families may bring larger school supply items to drop off (Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Ziploc baggies, etc.). Any personal items being dropped off (school boxes, etc.) must be labeled with the student's name.

**Kindergarten Welcome to School 6:00-7:00p.m.** Parents and students must wear masks and will be escorted into schools in small groups for a short tour and welcome. One parent will be allowed in per student.

#### All Elementary Schools Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

**Grades 1-3 Drive-Through Back to School 5:00-6:30p.m.** - Parents and students stay in cars, staff wear masks and gloves and hand out overview/highlights/syllabus/etc. Families may bring larger school supply items to drop off (Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Ziploc baggies, etc.). Any personal items being dropped off (school boxes, etc.) must be labeled with the student's name.

#### Preschool Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Waverly Elementary School 6:00-7:00p.m.** - Parents and students must wear masks and will be escorted into schools in small groups for a short tour and welcome.

Find more information from Mooreville Schools online:



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School supply  
distribution for  
families in need

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# Getting Ready for Back to School

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Most importantly, each day and in every possible way, our staff members are working to keep our schools the engaging educational places you've come to expect while we maintain the important health and safety standards this year brings forth.

Our school board, administrators, and staff remain committed to opening our schools this Wednesday, Aug. 5. Our administrators worked diligently to create the Pioneer Pathways to Reopening with input from parents, teachers, school nurses, and support staff members. These plans were reviewed and approved by the Morgan County Health Department. Last week our board met with administrators from all school buildings and all departments to review plans for the school year and all of our Return to Learn plans.

We are constantly reviewing Morgan County data regarding COVID-19 and see that the number of positive cases has remained consistently low (an average of 2-4 new cases per day) for the last two months. Morgan County data is also more than 20 times below the state's hotspot of Marion County and

about four times below surrounding Johnson and Hendricks Counties. We also reviewed Governor Holcomb's Executive Orders 20-37 and 20-39 as well as updated information from the Indiana State Department of Health. We believe the plans and procedures in the Pioneer Pathways to Reopening meet all of the updated requirements as well as all existing ISDH and CDC requirements.

We continue to receive feedback from our families, and staff. We carefully read every message and thank you for sharing your perspective. We appreciate having an engaged community whose first priority is the health and safety of our staff and children.

I have the utmost confidence in our administration and staff to implement these plans and do everything in our power to keep our students and staff safe. We commit to you that we will continue to review the data and our operations regularly as the school year begins.

As we do every year, we will strive to #BeMoore under the unusual circumstances 2020 has brought us.





Members of the MHS Broadcast team work on the graduation live feed



## News Briefs

**Attendance Reminders** - Unlike in the spring, the Indiana Department of Education requires 180 days of school attendance. eLearning students and in-class students are all required to be in attendance (online or in person) every school day.

For attendance purposes, eLearning students must log into their classes each day. MHS and PHMS students must log into each class period on time each day. Elementary students should log in at 9:00a.m. each day. Parents whose eLearning students are sick should call the school to report an absence (elementary eLearning families should call North Madison). Please see p. 6 for more absence information.

**New Vaccination Requirement for All K-12 Students** - Indiana's immunization requirements for 2020-21 include a new requirement for ALL students to have 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine. Per the IDOE, our vaccination deadline is September 2. Students may be excluded from school after that if they don't have proper documentation.

Those in need of vaccination assistance should contact their family physician or the Morgan County Health Department at 765-342-6621.

## It's Time to #BeMoore

This year's school promotional video was planned before COVID-19, but the theme resonates even in a pandemic.

Pioneers will #bemoore artistic, creative, inspired, unique, and successful as we all work together in 2020. Find our newest school video on the [Mooresville Schools YouTube Channel](#).



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