



2020-21

Return to School Plan



# Welcome & Thank You!

- Thank you to our YCS Board of Education, Administrators, Union Presidents, Staff Members- especially the 20-21 Task Force, S.P.A.C., parents and students- **"Stronger Together!"**
- We understand there has been a variety emotions and concerns regarding reopening from parents, students and staff.
- Our District's Return to School Plan was approved by the YCS Board of Education at their July 20, 2020 meeting.
- We have addressed safety, social-emotional support and the educational needs of our students in our plans
- Though we have an approved plan, know that we may have to adjust our plan to based on changes that may come from the Governor, MDE , the WCHD and CDC.
- We have heard your voice and revised our plans for students to begin on 9/8/2020
- Tonight, we will discuss the three learning options, how we will meet the needs of ALL of our students, how learning will look at each of the grade bands, and the community resources that are available for families.
- We must remain flexible and connected!





To develop a comprehensive **safe, healthy, equitable, flexible, efficient**, and effective return to school roadmap that empowers each and every student at YCS to become leaders of their own learning as they explore and cultivate a caring learning community where they **learn, grow, and thrive** as communicators, collaborators, critical thinkers, co-creators, and designers of their future.



# OUR PURPOSE


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# Principles for Reopening

- Ensure a safe learning and working environment for students and staff.
- Maximize family choice in student learning format, by offering three options for instruction:
  - In-Person Instruction for vulnerable students
  - Remote learning transitioning to in person as we deem applicable
  - Fully Online Learning Program
- Ensure all students receive instruction that meets state and federal standards and have the necessary supports for success, including:
  - Access to technology and connectivity
  - Social-Emotional wellness and health supports
  - Additional supports to meet needs of special populations
- Provide training, time, support, and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for successful reopening.
- Provide proactive, clear communication (with translations) to all families and staff.





# Today's Panelists Moderated by Mr. Raymond Alverado


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Today you will hear from **Susan Ringler-Cerniglia** from the Washtenaw County Health Department, **Marquan Jackson**, our Homeless Liaison, **Aaron Rose**, our Director of Operations, **Lawrence Reeves**, our Athletic Director, **Ruth Jordan**, our Director of Student Support Services, **Dr. Carlos Lopez**, our Assistant Superintendent over Curriculum and Instruction, **Lindsey Segrist**, the Principal of Perry ELC, **Ryan Johnson**, the Principal of Estabrook Elementary, **Turquoise Neal**, the Principal of YCMS, **Cory Gildersleeve**, the Principal of YCHS.





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# 2020-21 LEARNING OPTIONS

# 2020 - 2021 YCS Learning Options

Option #1	Option #2	Option #3
<b>In-Person Learning</b>	<b>Remote Learning</b>	<b>100% Online Learning</b>
<b>K -5 Vulnerable Students</b>	<b>PK - 12</b>	<b>K - 12</b>
4 Days per week of in-person learning for students who meet required criteria. 1 day a week of remote learning.	5 Days of Remote Learning for all YCS students until we deem it appropriate to transition to in-person instruction for ALL students.	Fully Online Learning Program option for the 2020-21 school year utilizing YCS curriculum and YCS staff members.  <i>*Any family who chooses this option must commit for the full academic year.</i>
<b>6 - 12 Vulnerable Students</b>		
2 days per week of in-person and 3 days per week of remote learning for students who meet required criteria.		





# OPTION #1 - IN-PERSON LEARNING

*Blend of in-person and remote learning for students who meet vulnerability criteria.*

- YCS will open some schools to serve our most vulnerable student populations only (2-3 schools at most).
- Staff will identify eligible students and will seek to honor the requests of parents for the remaining spots available.
- All open schools and district buildings will adhere to mandatory and robust safety protocols identified by the MDE, CDC, and Washtenaw County Health Department.



# OPTION #1 - IN-PERSON LEARNING

*Blend of in-person and remote learning for students who meet vulnerability criteria.*

At YCS, a “vulnerable” student may qualify for in-person instruction if he/she meets the following criteria:

- performing 1.5 years or more below grade level
- family food insecurity
- an IEP or 504 Plan and does not have pre-determine health conditions that puts the student at-risk of contracting COVID-19
- identified as an English Learner
- access to supervision during school hours the student needs access to additional support services



# OPTION #2 - REMOTE LEARNING

*Remote Learning for all YCS students until we can transition safely to in-person instruction for ALL students during Phases 5-6.*

- Synchronous (live instruction) and asynchronous (recorded) learning provided by YCS teachers
- Google Classroom will be the Learning Management System utilized by YCS
- Teacher teams will work to develop engaging units of study for ALL learners
- Teachers will use of blended learning using the “flipped classroom structure” successfully.



# OPTION #3 – ONLINE LEARNING

*Fully Online Learning  
Program option for the  
2020-21 School Year.*

*\*Any family who chooses this option must  
commit for the full academic year.*

- This is a year long commitment
- Courses taught by YCS certified teaching staff
- Our rigorous YCS curriculum will be utilized for instruction using the rigorous, engaging YCS curriculum
- Special education students will not be able to access in-person school services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.
- Any YIES students who chooses this option for the 2020-21 school year will be able to keep their current spot. Their spot will be reserved for the 2021-22 school year.



# Innovative Programming

# YPSI Lab School - 6th Grade

The mission of the Lab School is to uncover, recover, and discover the unique talents, passions, experiences, and gifts each student brings to school every day.

The Lab School's program of study gives students the ability to think critically, learn independently, collaborate, problem solve, and communicate effectively. Students learn and experience real-world problems which aids in the development of habits of minds that improve learning and prepare students for college and /or careers in Engineering.

- Integrated STEM Focused Curriculum founded on Project and Place-Based Education
- Individualized Learning Designed to Support and Motivate Students with a Wide Range of Learning Needs
- Mastery-Based Learning that Provides Meaningful Feedback to Students and Parents so that Excellence can be Achieved



**Thursday, August 6th**

12:00 - 6:00 Walk-ups from 12:00 - 2:00

**Friday, August 7th**

9:00 - 3:00 No walk-ups please

# Technology Exchange

- YCS students transitioning from first grade to second grade need to exchange their iPad for Chromebooks.
- Students who have graduated, are transitioning to WIMA/WIHI, or who will not be returning to YCS in the fall must return their devices including the charger cord.
- Device distribution for new students or students who did not receive a device in the spring will be scheduled for later in the month.
- We will also be able to remove any broken off headphone jack pieces and repair or replace damaged/broken devices on the dates below.
- [YCS Device Exchange and Return Information](#)
- All returns and exchanges will occur at the YCS Administration Building at  
1885 Packard Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Email [techsupport@ycschools.us](mailto:techsupport@ycschools.us)  
or call 734-221-1088



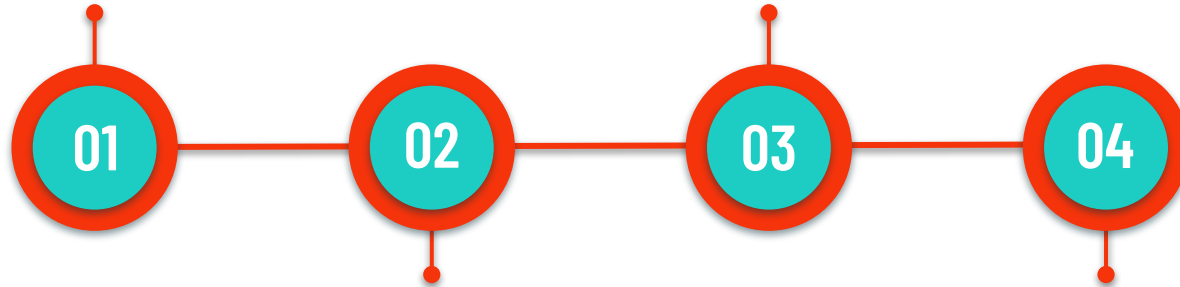
# TIMELINE

**AUGUST 14, 2020**

Deadline for caregivers to enroll into Option #3 - Online Learning

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

1st Day of learning for ALL students



**AUGUST 25, 2020**

Staff returns for professional learning, planning, and preparation

**NOVEMBER 2020**

Consider opening ALL buildings based on CDC and Washtenaw Health Dept recommendations and Harvard University Path to Zero







# THANKS!

Continue to check the YCS website  
for the most current information

[www.ycschools.us](http://www.ycschools.us)

