



October 9, 2020

# Focus...

## A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

*To provide additional communication for families, this short newsletter will be available each week.*

### Notes from Dr. Graczyk:

To provide additional information to parents, here are some things to expect when the District moves to the in-person, traditional phase:

- Student drop off and pick up will create an abbreviated student day because many parents are providing transportation.
- Avoiding large gatherings will be a challenge.
- Masks/face coverings will continue to be required.
- Social Distancing will rarely be 6 foot, but closer to 1-3 feet.
- Students will be spread out into classrooms or large areas in each building during lunch, so that they can remove their masks/face coverings when they eat.
- The Acme gym will be used for lunch.
- Bus seats will have two students on busses.
- The District will need time to reset classrooms because furniture was removed to allow for 6-foot social distancing.

In addition, here are some other concerns that necessitate action and might trigger a prolonged stay in our Hybrid Phase instead of moving to the in-person Traditional Phase (or potentially moving to a Virtual Phase):

- Teacher shortage
- Custodian shortage
- Other Staff shortages
- An increase of positive COVID cases in Allegheny County
- Positive COVID cases among students and staff

The District will continue to update parents and provide information as soon as it becomes available. Parents should prepare plans for their students in all possible phases of District education.

Best,  
Dr. G



Allegheny Valley School District  
*Together We Can*

### Committee Reports:

#### Reopening of School

Information for parents continues to be distributed as it comes available.

Parents/guardians are reminded to see the District web site for Reopening of Schools information.

#### Health & Safety

The committee continues to meet and review safety measures for students and staff.

Nurses are also working with staff to answer questions and establish best practices for when students enter the buildings

# Focus On: Food Service

**Food Service** - The USDA has extended the universal FREE meals program for all enrolled students through the end of December 2020. Whether your child is in the classroom or distance learning, the District will continue to serve free breakfast and lunch meals daily. For additional information, please see <https://www.avsdweb.org/district-information/food-service-department/food-service-cafeteria-menus>

# Focus On: Additional Information

A letter from the Superintendent was sent out today information parents about a positive case of COVID at Acmetonia Elementary School. District personnel has been discussing communication protocols as we continue through the various stages of education at Allegheny Valley. This information will be provided to parents so they understand where to find necessary information, ask questions, or discuss concerns. Please use the provided contact email addresses and phone numbers whenever necessary.

# Focus On: Resources

**Springdale Free Public Library** - The Springdale Free Public Library offers resources for area families. Please contact them for additional information:



The logo for Springdale Free Public Library features the text "SPRINGDALE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the text are four icons: a blue book icon, an orange Wi-Fi signal icon, a red computer monitor icon, and a green icon of three people. At the bottom of the logo, it says "FOR FUN- FOR LEARNING- FOR CONNECTING- FOR EVERYONE". To the right of the logo, the library's hours are listed:

Monday	- Noon to 8pm
Tuesday	- 10am to 5pm
Wednesday	- Noon to 8pm
Thursday	- Noon to 8pm
Friday	- 10am to 5pm
Saturday	- 9am to 4pm
Sunday	- Closed

# Focus On: Important Dates

Oct. 13 School Board Planning Session  
Oct. 20 School Board Meeting

Focus is a publication of the Allegheny Valley School District. All questions concerning the newsletter or information contained in the newsletter should be sent to: [pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us).

## Contact Information:

### *Nurse Hotline*

A resource for parents/guardians to ask medical questions.

cell 724-900-5443  
office 724-274-2911

### *Food Service Department*

A resource for questions about the Free Meals Program.

[meals@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:meals@avsd.k12.pa.us)

### *Technology Assistance*

Help and information on iPads and Chromebooks

[TechSupport@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:TechSupport@avsd.k12.pa.us)

### *Dynamo Virtual Academy*

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