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Braxton County Preschool/Head Start Re-entry plan 2020-21

Braxton County Schools Preschool/Head Starts goal is to ensure the safety of our students and staff at all times while trying to provide meaningful and engaging instruction to meet the needs of all our students. As preschool parents, we realize there are a lot of fears and anxiety as this will be your child's first entry to school. The following re-entry plan has been developed to provide information to families as your child begins school. Please feel free to reach out if you have any concerns or questions at any point.

- Students will be grouped into smaller groups of no more than 10 students.
- Group A will attend Monday and Tuesday with an early release.
- Group B will attend Wednesday and Thursday with an early release.
- Preschool staff will use Fridays to monitor and check on their students and deep clean toys, wash sheets, etc. Students will be provided a device that is pre-programmed with Ignite Software which is aligned to the Creative Curriculum and can be monitored by teachers.
- Classrooms will still be cleaned daily.
- One teacher and one aide will be in the classroom. Related service providers such as speech, occupational therapists, and physical therapists will come to the classroom for services if applicable, but may take children in groups of no more than 2 to a therapy room that will have plexus-glass and PPE (personal protection). Parents may opt for a virtual related service if needed.
- Meals will be delivered and eaten in the classroom or other designated area. Family style meals will not take place until further notice. Due to a shortened schedule, rest time will be shortened or eliminated during this plan.
- This plan will be in place beginning September 8, 2020 and will be revisited as needed or by December 2020 to ensure the appropriate delivery of services for students is met.
- Rugs will be eliminated until the plan is reviewed.
- Students will not be permitted to bring items from home. Sheets, cots, and blankets will be provided for each child and washed daily. Each child will have a sealed tote bin to keep items in.

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- Parents are encouraged to sign up for DOJO's or other class communication to eliminate the amount of papers that come home. If papers are sent home, each child will have a folder in a sealed plastic bag that will be cleaned daily.
- During the week of September 8th, preschool staff will set up orientation for each family that will include teacher, child, parent or guardian, and family service provider to explore the classroom. Students will come in one at a time to meet teacher and tour classroom. Adults must wear a mask and be screened. After the child and parent leave, the area will be cleaned prior to the next student. Group A will then all attend on 9/14 and 9/15 and group B will all attend 9/16 and 9/17. Staff will be in contact with families to set up times and grouping.
- If schools are closed by order of the Governor, preschool students will be given
 instructional delivery through use of the HATCH devices for remote learning as well as
 contact with families by teachers and family service providers for Head Start. All
 children enrolled in preschool will receive a device to use at home for learning during
 the times they are not in the classroom or if full remote takes place.
- Preschool students and staff will follow Braxton County Schools' COVID-19 plan regarding medical care, absences, remote learning and other protocols related to COVID-19.
- Virtual School is not an option for preschool.
- Masks will be required on the bus and in the commons area or hallways; masks won't be required in the classroom unless social distancing isn't followed. Teachers will wear masks (clear masks or face shields). Staff will check children's temperature upon arrival to school.
- Classrooms will be set up to allow for appropriate play and instruction, while also adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- Braxton County Preschool/Head Start will continue to stay up to date on all COVID guidance and make changes as needed. All staff will be trained on COVID education through the Braxton County Board. Each school will have access to a nurse.
- Braxton County Preschool/Head Start will follow the Braxton County Schools' approved calendar.

*This plan is subject to change at any time based on COVID-19, Braxton County Health Department, Governor of WV, Superintendent of Schools, or National Head Start Organization.

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