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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We continue to prepare for the reopening schools on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The 2020-21 school year will present challenges we have never faced in our community, state and nation. We appreciate your patience as we work daily to create and modify options meeting the needs of our students and families. We are putting into place health and safety protocols and utilizing all possible resources to provide the safest environment possible for our students.

We must now identify the number of students who will select our virtual option and how many will attend classes on the traditional modified attendance schedule. It is very important we have accurate information to prepare classrooms, employee and student schedules, transportation, meals, and many other components.

Here are the two options available:



**In person attendance:** Students will attend school on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday rotation with Fridays being a “choice” day for students who need additional help and support.

**Virtual Instruction:** Students will receive instruction through the Odysseyware –Edgeunity virtual platform supported by Harlan County teachers. Students can still communicate and receive support from their teachers as needed.



A question and answer guide on our website provides additional information on the two options.

We ask all families to complete a brief survey indicating the option they prefer. **The survey is available at all schools and on our district webpage at [www.harlan.kyschools.us](http://www.harlan.kyschools.us).** It is critical families complete the survey in order for us to plan appropriately for the coming year.

We appreciate your cooperation and understand the stress caused by the changes. I assure you we are committed to doing our best to serve our families and keep our children safe.

Sincerely,

  
Brent Roark

Superintendent