



May 22, 2020

Dear Tiger Families,

We are coming to the close of week 10 of distance learning with only 3 weeks to go! Please read the updates below and review the draft regarding our learning plans for next school year. If you would like to discuss any of them further, do not hesitate to reach out to me. Please see the updates below.

### **DRAFT SCHOOL PLANS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

We have put our draft plan for the next school year on paper and have provided a graphic summary to go with it. We are calling our plan the Tipton Tiger Ticket to Learning or TTT2L. It is a basic outline of what we are currently expecting for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. Please understand that there still could be changes based on things out of our control, but we felt it is important to share with our families what we have been planning.

We realize there are two very valid and worrisome concerns from families for the Fall. One is the concern for childcare. We are working hard to try to help our families with this issue. As you'll see from the attached plan, we still are exploring options. The second is having students back in the building and the potential to be exposed to illness.

One way that we have addressed the exposure concern is by offering a fully virtual program to students. We have received board approval to offer the Tipton Virtual Academy to K-8<sup>th</sup> grade for next school year. We will be working with our office team to roll out the option for our families to choose the Blended Learning Option or the Virtual Option. Both options will also be available to new students wanting to enroll at Tipton for the fall. If something drastic changes and the plans must change, we will communicate to you as soon as that happens.

The second way we are addressing the exposure concern is through our health and safety procedures. In the attached TTT2L plan, you will see a summary of the areas we are addressing to provide as much safety as we can control. While it doesn't include every item we are planning for, it gives you the major points we are addressing. We will continue to plan and adhere to the government guidelines provided to schools.

Whether this is the plan that unfolds or something different, please know that we are working diligently to make sure that the needs of all of our families are met in the best possible way under these challenging circumstances.

### **GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

We have been working hard to plan alternate ceremonies for our milestone students. Although we cannot provide our traditional ceremony, we hope that you know we have left no stone unturned in trying to provide as special of a moment as we can under the circumstances. Thank you to the middle school, kindergarten, and GSRP teams for all of their planning for these events!

### GSRP:

The year-end celebration for GSRP will be a virtual event. It is important to be checking Class DOJO to ensure that you are receiving and responding to requests for information for the event.

### Kindergarten:

A message was sent out last night with the details of the event that the team has planned. If you did not see this message, please check your CLASS DOJO. It will be a private event including a drive-thru ceremony. It is important to be checking Class DOJO to ensure that you are receiving and responding to requests for information for the event.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation:

Our team has planned an alternate ceremony, which includes a drive-in movie style event. Information will be coming out tonight with date and time, with specific details following next week.

### **STUDENT ITEM PICK UP**

We have been creating the safe plan for picking up student belongings, dropping off borrowed technology devices, and closing the school year. Next Friday the schedule for this will be sent out. We are planning this for the last week of school.

### **SUMMER DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM**

Please see the registration form in the REMINDER section below.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Superintendent Office Hours and links for next weeks are listed in the REMINDER section below.

### **FOOD SERVICE**

We have applied to offer meals over the summer. Details will be provided once we are approved. The schedule would likely be the same it is currently.

Our awesome team served 2,100 meals this week! Thank you to our families that continue to share outside of our Tipton community to help others too!

### **COVID-19 UPDATES**

We want all of our Tigers safe and healthy as we continue to move through this. Please be diligent about washing hands, social distancing, wearing non-medical masks if you leave your home, and not visiting with people that do not live in your home.

*It is extremely important that if you or a member of your household are being tested for the COVID 19 virus that you contact Dr. Lackey, Mrs. Orlando, or myself through DOJO, email, or calling the school phone number as soon as possible.*

### **WHAT NEXT**

We are still accepting enrollment for next year. If you did not complete re-enrollment information and would like to, please contact the main office. **WE MISS YOU!!! WE WANT TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!**

Please click for the 2020-2021 school year enrollment form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuXujYEBq0snITi6jNjWFWHfKf6feJA2bPTgajFSeI3FYATA/viewform>

**THANK YOU**

As always, to each and every one of our Tiger family members, YOU ARE ENOUGH! YOU ARE SEEN! YOU ARE THOUGHT OF! YOU ARE IMPORTANT! AND YOU MATTER IN OUR LIVES!

We are in this together! Sending hugs and love to our entire Tiger family!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Gilbert". The signature is written in black ink on a light gray rectangular background.

Mrs. Angela Gilbert  
Superintendent, Tipton Academy

## REMINDERS

### SUMMER DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM

The summer program will consist of reading and math support provided through distance learning. It will require participation in live Zoom meetings, viewing recorded lessons, and completion of work. The range of support and activities will be between 30-90 minutes a day Monday through Thursday for 5 weeks. Spaces will be filled on a first come first serve basis and are limited. If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the registration form below. If you have questions, please contact the admin team.

Register Here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfb2QX0FKI1kqMbUcT9UdRPiIT9jp7rYsEX6tsytBWRKsluWg/viewform>

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

We have time set up just for you! These office hours can be used to discuss information you are receiving, plans for next year, or ask questions. You do not need to sign on for the entire hour. You only have to join for the time that you need. If you are struggling with accessing us through ZOOM, please email [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org).

Superintendent office hours for the week of May 25<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

*Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11am-12pm*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88609481943?pwd=dS92bEtTWXlrNmZzcHJ2cDIPbHJ3QT09>

*Meeting ID: 886 0948 1943 Password: 402321*

*Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11am-12pm*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89873146936?pwd=YW95UzRjQkYxcjQ3NGFGdTg0cWhzUT09>

*Meeting ID: 898 73146936 Password: 890925*

### SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504, ELL, Homelessness

Our team members that are providing these services and accommodations are working to provide support to those students that qualify in these areas. If you need additional assistance, please contact the following coordinators:

Special Education: Mrs. Heather Young, [hyoung@tipton-academy.org](mailto:hyoung@tipton-academy.org)

Section 504: Mrs. Karla Orlando, [korlando@tipton-academy.org](mailto:korlando@tipton-academy.org)

English Language Learner: Mrs. Jessica Randles, [jrandles@tipton-academy.org](mailto:jrandles@tipton-academy.org)

Homelessness: Dr. Kyle Lackey, [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org)

### MEAL SERVICE (Ends June 10<sup>th</sup>)

***Any child 18 and under or special needs child 26 and under is eligible.***

**Monday:** 3 Breakfast Meals, 3 Lunch Meals, 3 White Milks, 3 Chocolate Milks

**Wednesday:** 4 Breakfast Meals, 4 Lunch Meals, 4 White Milks, 4 Chocolate Milks

### SUPPORT

Social and emotional support during this time is essential for all of us and especially our children. If your child needs additional support, please contact the following members:

School Social Worker: Mrs. Julie Redwine, [jredwine@tipton-academy.org](mailto:jredwine@tipton-academy.org)  
Vice Principal: Mrs. Karla Orlando, [korlando@tipton-academy.org](mailto:korlando@tipton-academy.org)  
Principal: Dr. Kyle Lackey, [klackey@tipton-academy.org](mailto:klackey@tipton-academy.org)  
Superintendent: Mrs. Angela Gilbert, [agilbert@tipton-academy.org](mailto:agilbert@tipton-academy.org)

We'll be there for you...Watch our video to see our message to our Tiger families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdjVvM9waws>