



## **Laurens Central School**

### **Remote Learning Plan**

Our reopening plan currently has students in grades 9-12 learning remotely from September 9, 2020 to October 12, 2020. The following steps have been and will be taken to assist students and families with remote learning.

1. A digital learning survey was conducted in the spring of 2020 to assess which families had devices and the types of Internet connections, if any, that were present in District homes.
2. Students who were in need of a device were able to borrow a laptop computer from the school. Parents were required to sign the machines out. This practice will continue for the 2020-2021 school year. Priority will be given to students in grades 9-12, then students in grades 6-8 will be considered as needed.
3. The District is investigating the purchase of two external wireless access points so that students and families can easily access the Internet from the school parking lot as needed.
4. For students without adequate Internet access at home the District will provide USB drives with all relevant course content. The District purchased 500 USB drives in the spring of 2020.
5. The District is purchasing the “Boardworks” education suite, which consists of educational materials for grades K-12 that are interactive, cover most major subject areas, and can be used either online or offline. It is also downloadable into Google Classroom.
6. When remote learning begins for grades 9-12 on September 9 students will follow a daily schedule that will be provided to them. At designated times in their schedule they will have the ability to connect with their teacher for that class, whether it be for “office hours,” an actual lesson, project-based learning, etc. It is expected that teachers will try to make some form of contact with all students on a daily basis whenever possible.
7. Teachers in grades K-12 will have the ability to use either Google Classroom or Microsoft Office 365 to conduct their courses virtually should the need arise in the event of an extended closure.
8. Students in grades K-8 who have limited or no Internet access at home will receive Boardworks interactive content (see #4 above) via USB drive as well as whatever educational materials teachers send home in the form of packets.
9. Teachers have been asked to have a week’s worth of materials done in advance and ready to go home in packets or ready to activate virtually in the event of a sudden closure.