

Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Joins with School Leaders to Create Task Force to Plan for 2020/21 School Year

Districts to Survey Families to Help Develop Plans for Reopening

SCHNECKSVILLE – Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 today announced the formation of the Reopening of School Task Force to develop plans and options for the 2020/2021 school year for 14 school districts, two career and technical institutes, and the community college of Lehigh and Carbon counties.

“The task force will work throughout the month of June to be best prepared to offer a myriad of educational options for all our students,” said Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Executive Director, Dr. Elaine Eib. “Our districts will conduct online surveys of families as part of this process. We recognize that we need their input as each school district’s plan for opening schools for the 20/21 academic year is developed.”

On June 3, Governor Tom Wolf and PA Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera provided [Pennsylvania’s Reopening of Schools Guidance](#) to help inform our planning efforts. Given the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that state guidance will evolve as more information and resources become available.

“Public safety and the safety of our students, employees, and families will always be our priority,” Eib added. “We will continue to work with state and local health agencies in an effort to monitor changes in statewide guidance and to provide the best options for social distancing which will be detailed in each school district’s Board approved Health and Safety Plan.

The IU will continue to provide additional information regarding the reopening of schools as more information becomes available. Please visit our website www.cliu.org for more information on our efforts to manage the COVID-19 pandemic as it affects the educational program of our local schools in the coming year.

On behalf of all the public schools in Carbon and Lehigh Counties, we thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and support as we work through this situation together.