Thank you for taking the time out of your day today to listen to my presentation. We couldn’t do this without all of you! We appreciate each and every one of you.

My name is Kenyetta Whipple and I am the Nursing Supervisor for the district. I’ve been with the district for 3 years and I oversee the nursing staff and clinics in all 14 of our buildings.

I am a Youngstown City School Alumni and have lived in Youngstown my entire life.
The District’s Status

Our COVID cases are quickly rising every single day. As of today we have had a total of 322 cases within our buildings since September. 269 scholars and 53 staff members.

These numbers have not slowed down, but have only gotten worse each day. We have tragically lost staff members to this virus and we have had scholars in critical condition.

It is up to us as parents and as a district to keep our babies safe and healthy. If we work together, I think it is possible to achieve this goal.
Mask Requirements

- Masks are mandated in all buildings, regardless of vaccination status.

- Please make sure your child has a mask prior to getting on the bus in the morning. They will not be permitted on the bus without one. It is a federal law.

- The district purchased a large amount of both cloth and disposable masks for those scholars who may break or soil their mask during the day. With over 5,000 scholars in the district, it is impossible to provide each scholar with a new mask each day. We are going through hundreds of masks daily and are beginning to run low. We ask that you provide your child with a mask each day.

- If you need assistance obtaining masks for your child, please reach out. We can help!!

- Please make sure your child understands how to properly wear a mask. (Completely over the mouth and nose)

- Please discuss with your child the importance of wearing their masks.
Social Distancing

Social distancing is enforced!
3-6 feet
○ Cafeteria
○ Bus
○ Hallways
○ Classrooms

Please talk to your children about the dangers of gathering together and to make sure they have their masks on properly when they are close to their friends. I know they miss each other and want to be close, but this is the #1 reason why so many scholars have to quarantine at home when there was an exposure.
Exposure Policy

In the event that a scholar/staff is exposed to another person who tested positive for COVID-19, the following quarantine guidelines must be implemented:

If exposure happened:

A. In a classroom or on the bus between 3-6 feet with a mask:
   Vaccinated: No quarantine required.
   Unvaccinated: No quarantine required.

B. In a classroom or on the bus less than 3 feet without a mask:
   Vaccinated: No Quarantine Required
   Unvaccinated: May continue to come to work/school if they do all of the following:
   - Wear a mask at all times
   - Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19
   - Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms of COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity)
   - Test on day 5, 6 or 7. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine.

C. In the cafeteria within 6 feet without a mask:
   Vaccinated: No Quarantine Required
   Unvaccinated: May continue to come to work/school if they do the following:
   - Wear a mask
   - Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19
   - Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms of COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity)
   - Test on day 5, 6 or 7. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine.

D. During extra curricular activities, sports, or outside of the building:
   Asymptomatic contacts may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they do the following:
   - Wear a mask when able (locker rooms, weight room, sidelines, and any time the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.)
   - Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19
   - Test again on day 5, 6 or 7. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine.

E. Outside of the building without a mask:
   Quarantine at home for 7 days, test on Day 5 (after exposure), and if negative, may return on Day 7.
   OR
   Quarantine at home for 10 days, return on Day 11 without a test, as long as asymptomatic.
Positive COVID Policy

If scholar/staff member is positive for COVID:

**Option 1:** Quarantine at home for ten (10) days, test on Day 11, if negative, may return to school/work on Day 11.

**Option 2:** Quarantine at home for fourteen (14) days, may return on day 15 without retest as long as they are asymptomatic.

ALL POSITIVE CASES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE
If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID while in school, they must:

A. Be tested for COVID

   OR

B. Provide a ‘return to school’ note from a medical provider in order to return to school.

If you choose to not be tested or seek medical evaluation, your child will have to follow the quarantine guidelines and quarantine for 10 days.

If your scholar is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send them to school and have them evaluated for COVID-19. Testing is available at our YouCare Clinics.

Transportation will not be provided for scholars who need to be sent home due to a positive result and/or an exposure.

I know this seems like a bit much, but these are the measures we have to take to ensure that all of our scholars remain healthy.
COVID Reporting

- All COVID exposures and positive cases should be reported to your school nurse.
- The school nurse reports cases to:
  - Supervisor
  - Building Administrator
  - Bus Garage (if applicable)
  - Building Custodian (sanitizing purposes)
  - Health Department
- Contract Tracing/Notifications will be conducted by the school nurse/health department.
Isolation Rooms

- Each building has a designated space for holding sick scholars while they await pickup.

- These rooms are disinfected daily.
Travel Policy

- Staff/Scholars who travel outside of the country are required to test upon return.
- Testing can be done at your own leisure or may be scheduled with the YouCare clinic or your school nurse.
Athletics

- Social distancing and masking when able is recommended at all sporting events.

- Athletes/Coaches are required to be tested on game day. Testing will be done during the school day.

- If an athlete or coach tests positive, please refer to Letter D on slide #6.

- Vaccinated scholars and coaches are not required to quarantine.
MONTHLY TESTING

To help reduce the spread of the virus, the district has just started monthly COVID testing. This is not mandatory and all families should have received an OPT OUT form to complete and return if they **DO NOT** want their child to be tested.

The COVID test is free of charge, painless and quick. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete, and results are received within minutes.

If you have not received an OPT OUT form, and you **DO NOT** want your child tested once a month, please contact your school nurse and a form will be sent home with your child.

Again, this form should only be completed if you **DO NOT** want your child tested. If your child does not have a form on file, we will assume consent and automatically test them.
YOUCare Clinics

The district has placed 4 YOUcare clinics within the schools. Locations are:

- Chaney HS
- East HS
- East MS
- Chaney MS

These serve as urgent care clinics, are staffed with a Nurse Practitioner.

Services offered:

- Wellness visits
- State required Vaccinations
- Strep Tests
- Flu Tests
- COVID Tests
- Sick Child Visits
- Sports Physicals
- Prescription Medications
- Specialty Doctor Referrals
- And more!!
YOUcare Clinic Continued.....

- Scholars can be seen and treated during the school day with parental consent.

- All insurances are accepted. If your insurance carrier is NOT accepted, your fees will be waived.

- Scholars can be seen same day. No need to wait days for an appointment.

- Informational Packets will be sent home with scholars soon.

- We will be adding 6 more YOUcare locations by the end of 2021.

- We will be adding a Dental RV, Audiology/Ophthalmology RV’s in the future.
YOUcare Locations

Chaney Campus: 330-744-8822  Ext:6978
East Campus: 330-740-4005  Ext: 6938
Chaney MS Campus: 330-744-6925
East MS Campus: 330-744-7381

Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:00pm
VACCINATION

- COVID vaccines are strongly encouraged, but NOT mandatory.

- Vaccines will be offered to both the scholars and staff soon!
Thank you for your time!

We want to try everything we can to prevent our schools from shutting down and going remote.

Please talk to your children about the importance of properly wearing masks and social distancing.

Utilize our YOUcare clinics!

Please continue to stay safe and healthy!!