The Steel Valley School District is planning for three different contingencies when school resumes at the end of August in 2020. Those three contingencies are:

- Remote learning for all students
- A hybrid plan of remote learning and in-person instruction
- The full resumption of in-person learning for all of our students

At this point in time, the district anticipates opening school with the hybrid model, but that is subject to the changing nature of the pandemic and the guidance given by state education and public health officials. The district may need to move between the three contingencies during the school year, but our eventual goal is to get all of our staff and students back into our schools safely. The hybrid model allows the district to maximize social distancing while refining the procedures outlined in the Steel Valley Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan, which can be found on our website. We will evaluate the hybrid model after the first month of school.

No matter which option is in effect at any particular time, our teachers, paraprofessionals and students will use Google Classroom as the primary learning management system for the organization of curricula, materials and assignments.

Remote learning for all students would occur if the Governor or Health Department Secretary mandates the closure of schools. In that case, the district will use Google Classroom and virtual meetings to conduct school.

In order to provide as much flexibility as possible, any family may choose to utilize only the remote learning option even if the district is using the hybrid plan or full in-person learning. Students will keep pace with the same curriculum and instruction from Steel Valley teachers. Families may choose to move to or from remote-only instruction as needed.

When in-person instruction is occurring in our schools, the procedures outlined in the Steel Valley Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan will be in effect.

With the hybrid plan of instruction, 50% of our students (the Maroon Team) will attend school in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays, Wednesdays will be a full day of remote instruction for everyone, and Thursdays and Fridays will be in-person learning for the other 50% of our students (the Gold Team). Therefore, out of five days of instruction, our students will have the option to attend school in-person for two of those days.

Separate from the three contingencies listed above, Steel Valley has a cyber school program, too. Unlike remote learning, which is managed solely by Steel Valley teachers with regular instruction and interaction between our students and teachers, the cyber school program is a fully online system. For some families, the Steel Valley Cyber School may be their preferred mode of learning during this time.