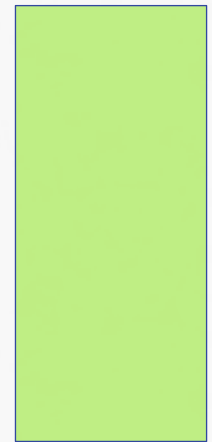


THE ROAD BACK

RESTART AND RECOVERY FOR EDUCATION



July 16, 2020



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Safety of our students and staff
- Adherence to the guidance from the CDC, the Department of Education, and the Somerset and Branchburg Health Departments
- Insuring the Continuity of Learning
- Providing in-person learning to the greatest extent possible under current requirements for social distancing
- Providing options for families
- Supporting our ability to maintain high levels of cleaning and sanitizing in our buildings

CURRENT PROPOSAL

- Students will be divided in two cohorts by alphabet. The current division is (**A**)A-L and (**B**)M-Z
 - *All children in the same family will be on the same schedule*
- **Cohort A** will attend school **in person** on Monday and Tuesday **while Cohort B attends remotely**
- **Cohort B** will attend school **in person** on Thursday and Friday **while Cohort A attends remotely**
 - *Limiting the number of students in the building provides the required social distancing parameters and supports contact tracing, should the need arrive.*
 - *Starting with a single-session day schedule allows students and staff to navigate the new parameters of synchronistic teaching/learning.*

CURRENT PROPOSAL

- School will begin with single sessions days in all buildings
 - *A 4 hour day allows students the opportunity to gradually become accustomed to the required on-line class schedules.*
 - *Afternoon time is available for teachers to engage in professional development to learn new electronic platforms and new methodologies.*
 - *Single session schedules permit students to be home for lunch and avoid large group situations where masks cannot be worn.*
 - *Remote afternoon instruction will begin on September 21 for all students.*
- We believe parents will be able to choose a fully remote option, but this will require an Executive Order from Governor Murphy. If it is approved, we will make it available.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

- All students will participate in remote learning on Wednesday.
 - *Keeping the buildings free of students on Wednesday will allow our custodial staff to fully sanitize every building in-between the two cohorts of students. This may also allow Wednesday to be used as a swing day for school holidays that may fall during the week.*
- Special Needs students with Individualized Education Programs in fully self-contained special education settings will have in-person learning 5 days per week.
- Students will be able to purchase “grab and go” lunches to take home.

INSTRUCTION

- It is our intent to return to full in-person learning at the earliest safe point.
- Instruction aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards will be presented.
- Students at home and in school will follow the same class schedule – a student who does not log on will be considered absent.
- Remote learning will also include supplemental reading, completing independent assignments, and engaging in small group activities.

IMPORTANT COMPONENTS

- All students and staff will be temperature checked as they enter the building.
- All students and staff will be required to wear masks in the building, except those with a medical exemption.
- Buses will run at half capacity to insure social distances. Masks are required for students and drivers.
- Every decision that is made to keep schools open or to close schools will be made by the Somerset County Department of Health and the Branchburg Health Department and based on data.

IMPORTANT COMPONENTS

- We are waiting to receive guidelines on the procedures to follow if someone in our schools tests positive for COVID-19. These will come from the Health Department.
- We have ordered sanitizing misters for the buses and will use them between routes.
- Cleaning protocols have been updated to insure compliance with the new COVID-19 guidelines.

KEEP IN MIND...

Many elements of planning are in flux and are subject to change. The information shared tonight is accurate and any changes will be shared as soon as they are known.

