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EAST WINDSOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mark Daniels
Superintendent

EWRSD Community Update - August 10, 2020

Dear EWRSD Community:

For the majority of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact a multitude of aspects in our lives. The education of our students was no exception. As we look forward to the beginning of a new and somewhat unique school year, this update will serve as a follow-up to the information presented during the Board of Education meeting that took place on Monday, August 3, 2020. The meeting provided an overview of the **EWRSD Restart and Reopening Plan** - the framework designed to address the health, safety, wellness and learning needs of students and staff. The [presentation](#) and [district's plan](#) are both located on our website via the [2020-2021 Updates page](#).

The **EWRSD Restart and Reopening Plan** ensures compliance with the guidance provided by the **NJDOE's Road Back - Restart and Recovery Plan for Education** that was released on June 26, 2020. This guidance is intended to provide educators, administrators and families with the information necessary to safely reopen our schools in an effort to address our students' unique needs during this unprecedented time. The NJDOE's Road Back document can be found [here](#).

The **NJDOE's Road Back - Restart and Recovery Plan for Education** presents guidance related to four key subject areas:

1. Conditions for Learning
2. Leadership and Planning
3. Policy and Funding
4. Continuity of Learning

In addition the following 10 areas of critical operations need to be addressed in the district's Restart and Reopening Plan:

1. General Health and Safety Guidelines
2. Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms
3. Transportation
4. Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas
5. Screening, PPE, and Response to Students and Staff Presenting Symptoms
6. Contact Tracing
7. Facilities Cleaning Practices
8. Meals



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9. Recess/Physical Education

10. Extracurricular Activities and Use of Facilities Outside of School Hours

The guidance provided in the **EWRSD Restart and Reopening Plan** is a reflection of the contributions of many dedicated stakeholders who provided input via their participation on various committees and planning teams. In addition, the feedback gathered from several parent surveys and community forums has influenced the information contained within this plan.

As of August 3, 2020, our most recent parent survey has received almost 5000 responses. A summary of the survey feedback is as follows:

- **Educational Model Preferences/Selections**
 - Hybrid - 56%
 - All Remote - 44%

- **Will your child take the school bus?**
 - Yes - 45%
 - No - 18%
 - Not applicable - 37% (All Remote)

- **Does your household have broadband/high speed internet?**
 - Yes - 96%
 - No - 4%

- **Does your child have access to a Chromebook/iPad/laptop/desktop computer?**
 - Yes - 89.5%
 - No - 10.5%

- **If available, will you need to have your child to attend the Kid care Extended Day Program?**
 - No - 93%
 - Yes: AM & PM - 4%
 - Yes: PM Only - 3%

In effort to maintain a reduced capacity of students within buses, buildings, and classrooms, the EWRSD has developed a plan that provides an **All Remote and a Hybrid In-Person** educational model for students. Students will be organized into two



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cohorts (A and B). Students following the hybrid model will attend school in person following an alternating A/B day schedule according to their assigned cohort. Hybrid students will follow an in-person early dismissal schedule combined with a remote learning schedule every other day (A/B/A/B/A/B). Students who are scheduled to follow an all remote schedule will virtually mirror the educational experience of their hybrid peers. When students are learning remotely (via hybrid or all remote), an emphasis will be placed on live instructional experiences that preserve the connection and relationship between the student and teacher during teaching and learning. A general description of the schedule framework and examples of school schedules are included within the plan and can be found via the links below:

- [Reopening Schedule Framework](#)
- [K-2 Example](#)
- [3-5 Example](#)
- [6-8 Example](#)
- [9-12 Example](#)

As the health landscape within the state of New Jersey has continued to improve since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in March and April, COVID-19 still remains in our community, state and nation. It should be noted that the information included within the district’s restart and reopening plan is designed to be prepared to pivot based on the progress, or challenges, of the health condition reflected within our state and region. **Therefore, our plans are subject to change.**

The following areas are also outlined within the district’s plan and were highlighted during the presentation on August 3:

- Educational Models/Schedules
- Physical Distancing
- Screening Procedures
- Facilities Cleaning Practices
- Transportation
- Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Athletics
- Face Coverings
- Response to Students/Staff Presenting Symptoms
- Assessments/Grading
- Signage (social distancing - 6 feet, face coverings, hand washing)
- Ventilation, Air Filtration and Air Quality
- Special Education



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- Social Emotional Supports
- Technology
- Kidcare - Extended Day Program

We recognize that this is a significantly challenging time with an array of constant changes and updates. As a school district, we are committed to providing the community with up to date and relevant information. We also recognize the need to continue to seek feedback and respond to questions posed by our stakeholders. To that end, there will be two community forums that will take place on Thursday, August 13 during the following times:

- **Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 5:30-6:30: Elementary Parents (PreK-5)**
- **Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 7:00-8:00: Secondary Parents (6-12)**

Please click [here](#) to register for one of the community forums listed above. You will receive a link for the meeting on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Daniels
Superintendent of Schools