



# Weymouth Township School District

August 5, 2020

Dear Weymouth Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family are doing well. As always if there is anything we are able to do to help you PLEASE contact us. Thank you.

The New Jersey Department of Education released The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Schools on Friday, June 26, 2020. We immediately began to review the documentation, met with volunteer staff committees, sent out a parent/community and staff surveys. After review of the guidelines, along with all of the input from the surveys and committees a plan was developed. The plan developed meets the State mandates for In-Person and Remote Learning. Our plan was approved by the BOE on July 31, 2020 at their regular meeting. The Board also noted that as necessary the plan could be modified, and the changes brought back to the Board for their ratification. Now the plan will be submitted to the Atlantic County Office of Education for their review. One change that will need to be made was issued by the State on Monday, August 3, 2020. This change is that students MUST wear masks at all times with some exceptions, i.e., eating breakfast or lunch, during “high intensity” physical exercises.

The safety of our students and staff will always be our priority. We know everyone realizes that this school year will be quite different than in past years. We also realize that a perfect plan that will meet everyone’s wishes does not exist. One size will not fit all!

The details of the plan in its entirety will soon be placed on our district website. However, some key items follow:

- The academic year for students will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.
- Parents may choose In-Person Instruction or Remote Learning Instruction.
- Registration for Remote Learning Instruction is ongoing. If selecting this option you will need to submit your registration form by August 15, 2020. Parents/families must register for this option via the [electronic request form](#) or hard copy paper request form. Both request forms are available on the district’s website. Additionally, parents/families may pick up a copy of the request form at school.
- The In Person school day will be from 8:20 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. and include lunch and non-contact physical education each day school is in session (M, T, Th, and F).
- The Remote Learning school day will be from 8:20 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. and exclude a lunch period and exclude a non-contact physical education period.
- The Remote Learner will follow the lunch schedule of their grade level and be provided a 20 minute physical activity time.
- Wednesday will be a Remote Learning day for students. Special areas will be taught. Some students may also meet the requirements to report to school on Wednesday for special area instruction and other auxiliary programs. Teachers and other staff will be present in school each school day including Wednesdays. Wednesdays will also be used for planning, Professional Learning Team meetings, supporting students’ In-Person and Remote Learning programs and providing social-emotional learning support.
- A Chromebook will be assigned to each student in grades 1 through 8. Students will be responsible for maintaining the condition of the technology assigned to them. We will work with families to assist in their access to the internet.

- Masks must be worn at all times some exceptions will apply as per State direction. Parents/families will be required to supply face coverings for their children. The district will have a supply of face coverings for students in emergency situations.
- Breakfast and lunch will be available for both In-Person and Remote Learners.
- Students will not be filmed during In-Person instruction
- Daily health checks will be conducted.
- Social distancing will occur to the maximum extent possible.
- We are trying to work out Before School Care and After School Care programs but the ability to provide these services will depend on available staff. They may need to be offered on a first come first serve basis.
- The building is cleaned thoroughly on a daily basis and common areas throughout the day as well.
- Transportation on all school buses will follow the guidelines for social distancing to the maximum degree possible. All will be required to wear masks. Contracted bus providers will need to adhere to disinfecting protocols.

Information/guidelines regarding the requirements to reopen our school continues to evolve so our Reopening Plan will change as necessary. We understand that this is a great deal of information and appreciate your consideration. If you have additional questions please email Ms. Fullmer or me and we will contact you as soon as possible. Please be sure that your personal information is up to date. Please check our website often as we will post information as it becomes available. We look forward to working with our students and families this coming school year.

*Welcome to School Year 2020-2021*

*Stay safe.*

*Be well.*

Educationally,

*Mary Lou DeFrancisco*

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Interim Superintendent