

Clearview Regional Community Members:

The biggest question that's in the news and on the minds of parents, teachers, and students is: Will schools be reopening in September, and if so, how and when? I realize everyone is curious about the current status of our plan and it's our intention to provide as much lead time as possible so you can plan accordingly.

Currently, the Department of Education has not established their final criteria that schools will have to adhere to in order to reopen. While we are not certain of the timeline for that guidance, we continue to forge ahead with the planning process to maximize the effectiveness of our plan.

**Timeline for Plan Distribution:**

During the next few days we will be wrapping up our meetings and plans in order to have our 'Reopening Plan' approved by the end of the week. At that time, we will communicate the details with the entire school community. There are a few pertinent items regarding our plan that can be communicated today.

**School Calendar:**

This year, the original plan was to start school on September 2nd due to Labor Day falling on September 7<sup>th</sup>; however, due to the ongoing public health crisis, we will be moving the start of school to after Labor Day. The new calendar will be communicated with the community as soon as it's approved.

**Remote Learning Option for Parents:**

On Friday afternoon the details of the remote learning option were announced by the Governor and the Interim Commissioner of Education. On the surface, it appears that our plan provides the flexibility to enable us to meet the new criteria. We will verify that early this week.

**On-line Learning Changes:**

This past June we completed a beta-test for online learning. As stated at that time, if we were forced to continue in a fully remote or hybrid learning setting, the approach would be substantially different. We are confident that a new approach, with more direct instruction and live lessons, is achievable. My confidence in our ability to provide a more robust learning environment is bolstered by three things: increased planning time, enhanced technology (1:1 Initiative -devices for each student and staff), and three months of experience in a remote setting. These three factors alone enable us to provide a valuable learning environment.

We continue to work in concert with our elementary sending districts in an effort to minimize inconsistencies in schedules between siblings in the same household. While it's

In September, **schools will reopen in a hybrid learning environment**. This means that we will provide a combination of in-person and virtual instruction. Our formidable challenge has been to strike a balance between implementation of the CDC's Health Guidelines and Considerations for Schools while maximizing in-person instruction. Given the density of our school populations, this has been no easy task.

### **Health Guidelines**

Our reopening plans will include health guidelines aimed at slowing and/or preventing the spread of the Coronavirus and focus our attention on the three guiding principles promoted by the CDC, State and Local Departments of Health as well as our school physician. The guiding principles driving our reopening decisions and program restructuring are as follows: (1) implement social distance guidelines of 6' or more, wherever practicable; (2) wear properly fitted cloth face masks; and, (3) engage in protocol and practice that promotes proper hand washing hygiene. While we will devote considerable time, energy and resources to implementing these medically endorsed guidelines, we recognize that our success will largely depend on human behavior, and we are asking for the patience, understanding and cooperation of all stakeholders to protect the health and well-being of our faculty, staff, and students.

### **Mask Wearing**

A guideline that will apply to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors is the wearing of cloth face masks. While we will share additional information regarding masks, it is important that our parents are aware of this requirement now, as it will apply to all our students throughout the duration of the school day. Please know that the District will not be providing masks to students and that the purchasing of masks will be the responsibility of our parents.

NJ.com recently published an article entitled, "You need to 'mask train' your kids before schools reopen.... Here's how to do it." I share this article to assist our parents/students in the preparation of wearing masks (or neck gaiters) throughout the school day as "mask-endurance" will be a serious challenge for students.

**Cohort Model** In an effort to maximize social distancing measures, we have divided our school population into two cohorts – A and B. Students have been assigned to cohorts alphabetically to align our students, grades PK-12, so that siblings in our elementary, middle, and high schools can follow the same "in-person reporting" schedules. We believe this measure will help assist families in developing schedules, especially for parents who need childcare from older siblings. There may, however, be some exceptions to this rule as we attempt to balance our cohorts

with our elementary schools while ensuring that siblings with different last names are cohorted together. We hope you understand that we will not be able to accommodate parent requests with respect to selecting a desired cohort at this time. Students assigned to Cohort V will be by parent choice. Cohort A Cohort B Cohort V Last Name: A – La Last Name: Lb – Z Parent Choice

Delayed Opening Schedules & Reporting Days Kingsway Regional Middle and High School students will operate on a delayed opening schedule and student reporting time, for in-person instruction, **will be no later than 9:25 a.m.** (High School) and 9:30 a.m. (Middle School). Dismissal has been moved to 2:40 p.m. (High School) and 2:50 p.m. (Middle School). We will send separate bus pickup times later this summer.

Cohort Reporting Sequence – AA/V/BB Students in Grades 7 – 12 will report to school for in-person instruction two (2) days per week according to their assigned cohort and will be assigned three (3) days of virtual instruction. On days when student cohorts are not reporting to school for in-person instruction, they will be assigned to virtual instruction. This will alternate every two days with an “All-Virtual” day scheduled in between (usually on Wednesdays unless indicated otherwise in the school calendar). With a few exceptions during shortened school weeks, we refer to our cohort reporting sequence, Monday through Friday, as AA/V/BB, repeat.

During “All Virtual” Days, Cohorts A & B will report to their virtual classrooms while district staff engage in deep cleaning protocol to ensure student and staff safety. This reporting sequence **maximizes in-person instruction** while abiding by the guiding health principles we intend to implement. Students who choose to attend all virtual will be assigned to Cohort V. Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Cohort A In-person Cohort A In-person All-Virtual Cohorts A, B & V Cohort B In-person Cohort B In-person Cohort B Virtual Cohort B Virtual Cohort A Virtual Cohort A Virtual Cohort V Virtual Cohort V Virtual Cohort V Virtual Cohort V Virtual

**District Calendar The District’s school calendar** has been amended to push back the start of school for students to Tuesday, September 8th and 9th for Cohort A and September 10th and 11th for Cohort B. The calendar has also assigned in-person reporting days throughout the year and strikes an equal balance of in-person reporting and all-virtual instruction for both cohorts. As previously stated, reporting days will largely follow an AA/V/BB reporting sequence. You can review the amended calendar by clicking the calendar link [www.krsd.org/schoolcalendar](http://www.krsd.org/schoolcalendar) and below for reporting days during the first week of school in September. S E P T E M B E R  
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday 1 st Staff Training 2 nd Staff Training 3 rd Staff Training 4 th Staff Training 7 th Labor Day School Closed 8 th 9 th 10th 11th Cohort A - Inperson Cohort A - Inperson Cohort B - Inperson Cohort B - Inperson Cohort B - Virtual Cohort B - Virtual Cohort A - Virtual Cohort A - Virtual Cohort V - Virtual Cohort V - Virtual Cohort V - Virtual Cohort V - Virtual ‘

#### **All-Virtual’ Parent Option** – Cohort V

We have heard from a number of families that intend to keep their children home due to medical/health related reasons. We recognize parent concerns, and we have worked closely

with the State of New Jersey to secure an “All-Virtual” option. For those who believe this is the best option, we will be providing you with a choice for your child to remain all-virtual. I will be **sending a survey to** all families on/before August 1 st to solicit parent decisions on this matter. Students who choose all-virtual will be assigned to Cohort V.

Community Input: School Reopening **FAQ After** reading this preliminary reopening letter, please submit any questions you may have by clicking [HERE](#). Your questions will assist us with compiling a community FAQ document to better answer questions as we continue to plan. As always, thank you for your support as we work to provide the most valuable school experience for our students in these unprecedented times. In closing, thank you for your prompt attention to this communication. As a reminder, you can continue to monitor updates on our website by clicking the link [HERE](#). Should you have any questions that require immediate attention, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [lavenderj@krsd.org](mailto:lavenderj@krsd.org)