

Clearview Regional Community Members:

The tentative schedule framework portion of our reopening plan has been approved by the Board of Education. We will develop the remaining details of the plan over the next few weeks and will continue to provide as much information as soon as possible to assist you with planning your family schedules. It's important to note, the health and safety of our students and staff remains our priority.

As we developed the schedule, we considered several other options; however, the other scenarios didn't enable us to maintain the level of safety and meet the criteria of the collective bargaining agreement, while simultaneously maximizing instructional time. Here are some of the more salient points of the schedule framework.

Adjusted School Calendar

Please note, the first day of school has been moved to September 8th.

Learning Environment

We will start our school year in a hybrid learning environment, meaning instruction will occur both in the classroom and while students are at home. When students are at home, they will be learning in a synchronous setting when possible, following the same periods and times as their classmates who are in school that day. This will require students to login from home at specific times. The process for each class and level of interaction is being developed. Please note, at this time we plan on offering every class, including electives; however, some classes will require a change in format. Also, we continue to explore ways to maximize our on-site instruction for our special education students who are in self-contained classes. Our Child Study Team will be providing additional information directly to the parents who have children in one of our self-contained classes.

Student Cohorts

The student population will be divided into two cohorts based on the geographic location of the student's residence. This enables us to effectively use our transportation resources and also ensures siblings will remain on the same schedule. We anticipate making some modifications to the geographic cohorts due to class-sizes, the number of students who opt for the All-Remote Learning, the students who drive, and other students who will not be taking the bus.

Student Attendance - On-site / Remote

One cohort will attend school on-site each day, alternating every other day, utilizing five days per week. The forthcoming sample student schedule will provide some clarity, but in general, during the first two-week period, each student will attend school five times (Week 1: M-W-F, Week 2: T-Th. or Week 1: T -Th., Week 2: M-W-F), while learning from home five days during the same two-week period.

Student Arrival and Departure, School Day Structure

- The students will arrive around 8:00, with first period starting around 8:15.
- The students will have six periods per day on a rotating basis, including a Health/Physical Education class that will have a substantially different format than usual. A Social-Emotional Wellness component will be built into the H/PE curriculum and students will not be changing for gym.
- Student's will end their on-site classes around 12:45
- No lunch time is dedicated to the students while they are on-site. A 'grab and go' lunch option will be available at the end of the day.
- Our staff members will have dedicated 'Office Hours' each day at the end of the school day. This will enable students to contact their teachers after the student's school day, while the students are at home.

Health and Safety (Masks)

- Each staff member, student, and everyone else in the buildings will be required to wear a mask at all times while on campus. Students will also need to wear a mask while on the school buses.
- Visitors will not be allowed in the building for other than 'emergent' reasons and will be **required to wear a mask at all times.**
- The CDC's guidance for schools continues to guide our planning. If the guidance changes, we will modify our plan to ensure that we remain in compliance with the most recent updates from the CDC in addition to the local and state health departments' recommendations.

All Remote Learning Option for Parents

Parents now have an option to opt into an All- Remote Learning environment. A survey will be forwarded in order to ascertain how many of our students will select this option.

While this correspondence includes some basic information for you to initiate your family schedule planning, the subsequent communication (in the next day or two) will include a sample student schedule and additional details that should provide some clarity. We are also setting up a FAQ section on our website that will address many of your questions.

We will be sending a survey asking for two additional pieces of information that will allow us to move forward with our planning. The first is in regards to the All-Remote Learning Option and the second pertains to your plans for transporting your child to school (Bus, Parent, Other). Please complete the survey as soon as possible. The complete final plan with details will be presented to the Board of Education at the next meeting and will also be submitted to the NJ Department of Education for their review.

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