February 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Fairview School District:

I hope this letter finds you well. This communication contains important information about the reopening of schools for In- Person learning on March 1, 2021. Please read it carefully.

**\*\*Please note that this plan is subject to change as new guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education is made available to school districts.**

**Choice of Learning Options**

Parents were able to choose a completely remote/virtual learning option or an in-person learning option on the most recent parent survey administered in early February 2021. The district offered the following options for students in **Grades K-8**: Learning Option 1: Hybrid In-Person or Learning Option 2: All Remote/Virtual learning at home.

Now that parents have made a choice of either In Person or Remote Learning it will need to be adhered to from March 1st - April 12th 2021for students in grades K-8. After April 12, 2021 parents will have the opportunity to change their decision. However, any students whose parents have not notified the district of a change of their choice by April 12, 2021 will be placed into remote learning.

**Option 1 – Hybrid In Person/Virtual**: In-person instruction will take place with the following key elements, which were recommended by the New Jersey Department of Education, including maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet, frequent hand sanitizing/washing, students and staff wearing masks and daily COVID-19 screenings (temperature scans) for students and staff. All students participating in the in person/virtual instruction option must wear a face mask when entering the school and bring bottled water to school as no meals or beverages will be served in school.

**Screening**

\*All staff and students will undergo a COVID-19 screening, including temperature checks, prior to entering the building - any individual with a temperature above 100.3 degrees will not be allowed to attend school that day. The school nurse will notify parents immediately if their child has a temperature above 100.3 degrees and the child will be placed into the supervised school isolation room where they will wait for parents to pick them up. ***\*Parents will also be required to check their child for COVID-19 symptoms each day, before sending them to school.!!***

1. Students will adhere to the following in person schedule: report to school at 8:20 AM for temperature screening, classes beginning at 8:30 AM with eight (8) 30 minute class periods and will be dismissed at 12:30 PM.
2. All students participating in the In Person learning will report to school Monday-Friday, five (5) days a week. District schools will be open for students learning in person Monday-Friday from 8:20AM- 12:30PM.
3. Students learning remotely/virtually at home will use Google Classroom and participate in “Live” simultaneous instruction with their teacher each day from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM and from 1:30 PM-3:15 PM in the afternoon Monday-Friday.
4. Teachers will be available remotely/virtually each day from 1:30PM until 3:15PM on Google Meets, Google Hangout or Class Dojo to reinforce lessons, assist students with homework, answer questions or communicate with parents.
5. The district does not have the capacity to serve breakfast and lunch to students while adhering to social distancing guidelines. Breakfast and lunch **will not** be served in school. Students will eat breakfast and lunch at home after dismissal.
6. All students eligible for the free breakfast/lunch program that are learning in-person at school will receive a “Grab and Go” lunch and breakfast as they leave school at 12:45PM each day. (Breakfast picked up at 12:45PM is for the next morning at home.)
7. All students who are learning from home and are eligible for the free breakfast/lunch program, will be able to pick up a “Grab and Go” lunch and breakfast from 12:45PM - 2:00PM in front of their assigned school building. (Breakfast picked up at 12:45PM is for the next morning at home.)

**Option 2 - Remote/Virtual Learning**:  The district will adhere to the following criteria for students learning remotely at home:

1. Students will learn remotely/virtually at home on Google Classroom and participate in “Live” simultaneous instruction with their teacher each day from 8:30AM until 12:30 PM and from 1:30 PM-3:15PM in the afternoon.
2. Students will be expected to attend classes daily on Google Classroom and participate in all class activities.
3. Students in the remote/virtual learning will have access to standards-based instruction of the same quality and rigor as that afforded all other students of the district. The district will ensure that every student participating in remote learning has access to

educational technology and the provision of special education and related services to the greatest extent possible.

1. All students eligible for free breakfast/lunch program who are learning remotely/virtually will continue to be able to pick up breakfast and lunch from 12:45 PM - 2:00PM each day Monday-Friday in front of their assigned school building. (Breakfast picked up at 12:45 PM will be for the next morning.)
2. Teachers will be available remotely/virtually each day from 1:30PM until 3:15PM on

Google Classroom to reinforce lessons, assist students with homework, answer

questions or communicate with parents.

**Pre-Kindergarten**

The district will offer the following option for students in **Pre-Kindergarten**: Learning Option 1: Full Day In-Person Learning at school from 8:45 AM -2:45 PM Monday-Friday and learning Option 2: Full Day All Remote/Virtual learning at home from 8:45 AM-2:45 PM Monday-Friday. Please note that all Pre-K students will attend classes Monday through Friday from 8:45 AM-2:45 PM with either option. Parents of Pre-K students participating in remote/virtual learning will be able to pick-up breakfast/ lunch meals from 12:45 PM-2:00 PM Monday-Friday at the Lincoln Annex, located at 130 Hamilton Avenue in Fairview. The In Person Full Day Pre- K Program will be located at the Greater Bergen Head Start School Building, 263 Lafayette Avenue in Cliffside Park, NJ. The anticipated start date of Pre-K In Person classes is Monday, March 8, 2021. All Pre-K students will continue with virtual /remote classes until approximately March 5, 2021.

In-person learning option 1:

1. All Pre-K students that chose the In-person learning option will report to school at 8:45AM for temperature screening. Breakfast and Lunch will be served in school for Pre-K students attending In Person Learning. The school day will end at and at 2:45 PM. All students must wear masks to school.

Remote/virtual learning option 2:

1. All Pre-K students that chose remote/virtual learning at home will continue to use Class Dojo and participate in class with their teacher each day on a modified schedule. Pre-K teachers will notify parents of the daily virtual schedule. Parents of Pre-K students participating in remote/virtual learning will be able to pick-up breakfast/ lunch meals from 12:45 PM-2:00 PM Monday-Friday at the Lincoln Annex, located at 130 Hamilton Avenue in Fairview.

Now that Pre-K parents have made a choice of In Person or Remote Learning it will need to be adhered to from March 1st - April 12th 2021. After April 12, 2021 parents will have the opportunity to change their decision. However, any students whose parents have not notified the district of a change of their choice by April 12, 2021 will be placed into remote learning.

**Masking**

In addition to social distancing of six (6) feet, all students and staff will be expected to come to school wearing a face mask, with the exception of limited cases due to a medical or other condition that would prohibit it.  We recognize that for some students this may be extremely difficult.  However, this is recommended by the CDC and New Jersey Department of Health as a necessary measure to ensure the safety of students and staff.

**District Technology**

To support whatever learning program we need for families and students, all students in the Fairview School District will be provided with a district-owned device (Chromebook) this year.  We recognize the “Digital Divide” that many families experienced last year was not optimal for student learning, and by being a complete 1:1 school district (one computer learning device for each student) we will have much more flexibility for our learning options.

**District Calendar**

The district has decided to reopen schools for In Person Learning on **Monday, March 1, 2021** for students in grades K-8. Parents that have chosen virtual /remote learning will continue with the current schedule.

**New Jersey Department of Health Guidelines**

As we get closer to the opening of school for In Person classes on March 1, 2021, please remember the importance of following the State’s guidelines for self-quarantining after returning from travel to other states. This information can be found at (COVID19.nj.gov). If your child will attend in-person school instruction and you have travelled to a state outside of New Jersey, you must notify the district immediately. The state guidelines for travel stipulate that anyone entering new Jersey from any U.S. state beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) must quarantine at home and consider taking a COVID-19 viral test,( not an antibody test), when returning to New Jersey 3-5 days after the trip. If a student or staff member, tests positive, they should self-isolate (quarantine) for at least 10 days. If the student or staff member tests negative, quarantine for a full 7 days. If testing is not available, quarantine for 10 days after travel.

We will continue to make you aware of our progress on the reopening of school and will make sure students continue to get the education they deserve.

Stay healthy and safe.