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Dear Parents,

As promised, we are providing everyone with updated information regarding our reopening school plan. We are pleased to announce that the virtual "Chat & Chew" community meeting yesterday was a success! We really appreciated the thoughtful questions, genuine dialog, and overwhelming support. The experience was a true example of school and community working together. There is more great news to bring to your attention. At last night's board of education meeting, the reopening school plan was officially approved!

The reopening school plan is a true reflection of the viewpoint of everyone in the community. We understand that it's not a "one size fits all" approach. Families will make a decision based on what's best for them. As a school, we are going to support parents in their choices, as the quality of instruction is the same in all the learning cohort options. The safety, health, and welfare of all parents will remain top priorities. As a reminder, here's a current list of key components of the reopening school plan (see below):

- 1. School opens on September 8, 2020 at 8:50am for K-8 students and 9:20am for preschool students.
- 2. Hybrid instruction is an option. This online and remote option will consist of students being in Cohort A, B, C.
- 3. Cohort A—K-8 students will report onsite to school 2 full days a week (Monday and Tuesday).
- 4. Cohort B—K-8 students will report onsite to school 2 full days a week (Wednesday and Thursday).
- 5. Cohort C—special education (SPED), English Language Learner (ELL), and preschool students 4 full days a week (M-Th).
- 6. Cohort D-Remote student learning is available as a full-time option. This option will require registration.
- 7. If you choose the remote learning only option, you are locked in for 2 marking periods.
- 8. If you choose the onsite option, you can switch to remote learning only option immediately with no delay.
- 9. SPED & ELL parents may choose the hybrid 2 days or the remote learning only option.
- 10. Preschool parents may choose the 4 days onsite or the remote learning only option.
- 11. YMCA Before & After School Care program is offered with new extended hours from 3:40pm to 6:30pm to help families.
- 12. Sheppard Bus Company will clean the busses every day according to the operations manager.
- 13. Students will be required to wear a mask in order to enter the bus. Riders must observe social distancing.
- 14. Students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear a mask in school.
- 15. The cleaning company will use upgraded products to provide a deep cleaning of the entire school every day (M-Fri).
- 16. Daily health screenings, temperature checks will be required for the students and staff in our school.
- 17. Our nurse and other school officials will work with the Department of Health on all matters regarding COVID-19.
- 18. Meals will be served in the classroom/cafeteria and seating arrangements will reflect social distancing.
- 19. Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected and students will be asked to wash their hands before/after each meal.
- 20. Technology internet safety measures will be put into place in the form of content filters regarding borrowed devices.

In light of the above, I hope this information is helpful. The complete PowerPoint presentation is on the school website. More detailed information on the cohort schedule will be forthcoming. As a reminder, our reopening plan is subject to change based on any new directive from our Governor. Please reach out should you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Dr. Michael Knox, Superintendent/ Principal