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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and well-being of our staff and students is our highest priority. In order to provide instruction in accordance with guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education and Centers for Disease Control, we have developed Keeping the Promise: The District's Restart Plan 2020-2021. During the August 12th board meeting, the Board voted to delay the return to school buildings. There are a few items parents should keep in mind as we prepare for students for the start of the school year.

Student/Staff Safety Screening:

Students/employees must answer a series of health screening questions daily before walking into the building each day. Questions will be posted near building entrances and on the District's website, as an online survey. A security guard or other staff member will be stationed at the door. Before entering, students must show their online survey score and may enter if they scored 6 out of 6. If results are unavailable, students may enter only after having their temperature checked. Similarly, employees will be required to answer whether they successfully completed their self-assessment that day. Employees who answer "no" will not be allowed to enter until they take the self-assessment online or get their temperature taken. Students/employees who are experiencing symptoms of illness, or recently travelled to a restricted state/country, or are COVID-positive or awaiting test results must return and notify their principal immediately. Students/employees awaiting transportation home will be placed in the school's designated isolation area.

The electronic version of the Health Screening can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/siKLf5jJcf9PMEsGA>. The survey consists of six (6) questions. After completing the survey, click "View Score". A score of "6/6" means all 6 questions were answered correctly. Any person who scores less than 6/6 must stay or return home to self-quarantine. If this is the case, please contact the school Principal.

Remote Learning:

- It has been determined that Paterson Public Schools will begin the school year with remote learning from home Monday-Friday.
- The Board and District will assess local conditions and district readiness on October 15th.
- If it is safe to do so, schools will reopen for in-person instruction on **November 2nd using the Hybrid Model.**

Student Schedules

- Students' school day will begin at 8:45 AM and end at 3:00PM, Monday through Friday.
- High School students with a zero period will begin at 8:15 AM
- Homeroom will begin at 8:45 AM
- Students would work on their assignments and intervention from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM daily.
- Students will be required to answer a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) question of the day to be marked present.
- The SEL question must be answered by 9:00 PM. Student athletes must answer their SEL question by 3:00 PM.

Elementary/ High School Students Schedule (Without zero period)

Period	Times
Homeroom (mindfulness, SEL activities)	8:45 am – 9:00 am
1	9:00 am – 9:30 am
2	9:30 am -10:00 am
3	10:00 am -10:30 am
4	10:30 am - 11:00 am
5	11:00 am -11:30 am
6	11:30 am – 12:00 pm
7	12:00 pm -12:30 pm
8	12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
9	1:00 pm -1:30 pm

High School Student Schedule (with a zero period)

Period	Times
0	8:15 am - 8:45 am
Homeroom (mindfulness, SEL activities)	8:45 am - 9:00 am
1	9:00 am - 9:30 am
2	9:30 am - 10:00 am
3	10:00 am - 10:30 am
4	10:30 am - 11:00 am
5	11:00 am - 11:30 am
6	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
7	12:00 pm -12:30 pm
8	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
9	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Students would work on their assignments and intervention from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm daily.

Instruction:

- Lessons and assignments will be provided via Google Classroom.
- Students must engage in lessons and complete assignments in Google Classroom in order to receive credit for classes.
- Teachers will deliver live lessons in Google classroom as well as recorded lessons.
- Teachers are expected to use Google Meets with their students for 20 min of each 40 min course and 40 min of each 80-90 min course.
- Students who have not submitted their instructional packets from last year may return them to their homeschool from September 1st -September 18th.
- **All school year 2019- 2020 instructional packets must be handed in by October 26th to receive a passing grade.**
- All students will receive a device for remote learning when devices are available. Principals will schedule distribution.
- All students will follow their school schedule, lessons, Code of Conduct and attendance requirements as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Parent/Guardian Google Meet Behaviors

Parents/guardians are encouraged to assist their child through remote learning providing encouragement and supporting their children during asynchronous learning opportunities.

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment and assure confidentiality for students and teachers during distance learning, all parents/guardians are asked to observe the following privacy guidelines:

- Google Meetings are designed for students to seamlessly transition to remote learning. To prevent disruptions to the learning environment, parents/guardians should not actively participate in sessions, although parents/guardians may assist their child with technology. Especially with synchronous learning, any support needed should be coming from the teacher in the moment.
- Do not video record, audio record, photograph, live stream, or transmit in any other way any part of a Google Meeting, including not posting on any social media platform.
- Any confidential or personally identifiable information related to students participating in a Google Meeting should not be collected, discussed or shared.
- Parents/guardians should not engage with students during Google Meetings.
- If a parent/guardian has a question, please email your child's teacher.

Food Distribution

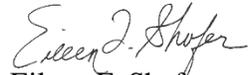
- Breakfast and lunch distribution will continue at the eight existing distribution sites, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM.

If your child goes to...	Then pick up student meals at...
Public Schools 2, 3, 8, International High School, Garrett Morgan Academy	School 3, 448 Main Street
Public School 9, Hani Awadallah School	School 9, 6 Timothy Street
Public School 4, 12, 28, Norman S. Weir, Young Men's Leadership Academy	School 28, 200 Presidential Boulevard
Public School 6 or Edward Kilpatrick School	Edward Kilpatrick School, 295 Ellison Street
Public Schools 16, 20, 24, 25, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, STARS Academy, Early Learning Center, Rosa Parks High School	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School, 851 E 28 th Street
Public Schools 1, 10 13, 18, 21, 26	School 21, 322 10 th Ave
Public Schools 5, 7, 19, 27, 29, Dale Avenue School, Don Bosco Technology Academy, JFK Educational Complex	John F. Kennedy Educational Complex 61-127 Preakness Ave
Public School 15, Roberto Clemente School, The New Roberto Clemente School, HARP Academy, Alexander Hamilton Academy, PANTHER Academy Eastside High School Educational Campus, Great Falls Academy, Adult High School, Newcomers Program	The Madison Avenue Full Service Community Center, 512 Market Street

Please see the district website, www.paterson.k12.nj.us for more details regarding Keeping the Promise: The District's Restart Plan for 2020-2021. You may also phone the call center (973) 321-0609 (English), (973) 321-0610 (Arabic), (973) 321-0611(Spanish), (973) 321-0612 (Bengali) or email the superintendent's office (superintendent@paterson.k12.nj.us) if you have any additional questions.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in ensuring that distance learning is a positive, productive and enjoyable experience for all participants

Educationally yours,



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c: Board of Education
Superintendent's Cabinet
Principals
Vice-Principal
Family and Community Engagement Dept.