DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

52 Hartford Rd., Delran NJ, 08075

"dedicated to nurturing a supportive, student-centered environment where all people are treated with dignity and respect"

July 21, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On June 26, 2020 Governor Murphy announced intentions for schools to resume in-person instructional programming for the 2020-2021 school year. The District has a team of nearly 100 teachers, administrators and parent focus group participants that have been examining the matter and contributing to the development of programs for the 2020-2021 school year. I am pleased with their work and consider myself fortunate to have a robust reopening team.

Our work has been driven by multiple assumptions in <u>The Road Back</u>, which provides direction and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education:

- 1. In person instruction is to resume in each of our four schools
- Focus on health, safety and cleanliness protocols over all other components of each of our programs
- 3. Partial capacity in our schools
- 4. Adherence to the acceptable minimum standards set forth through The Road Back

Academic Program Schedule

Prior to July 20, 2020 we have developed a hybrid schedule framework that combines in person learning at our schools with digital instruction at home.

In this model, the District would utilize a 50% capacity framework where half of the children are at school while the other half are at home learning through digital means on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

In this model, every student in the District would be on remote instruction each Wednesday according to a prescribed morning academic check-in with schedule with teachers in order to allow for increased teacher planning, execution of increased cleaning protocols mid-week and other organizational areas of need (like Child Study Team meetings; parent meetings; professional development and articulation).

Below is information that was shared at the July 20, 2020 Regular Public Meeting of the Delran Township Board of Education for your review and consideration:

Determining 2020-2021: Hybrid Schedule Framework

Student assignments to be announced by Aug 7, 2020

Team Delaware

Monday: In person @ school

Tuesday: Remote asynchronous

Wednesday: Remote w/live check-in

Thursday: In person @ school

Friday: Remote asynchronous

Team Rancocas

Monday: Remote asynchronous

Tuesday: In person @ school

Wednesday: Remote w/live check-in

Thursday: Remote asynchronous

Friday: In person @ school



<u>2020-2021 Academic Planning Update</u> <u>Health and Safety Protocols and Exemplars</u>

Alternative Academic Program Possibilities

The concept of reopening conjures unique, personal feelings that are as varied as we are as human beings.

On July 20, 2020 Governor Murphy indicated he would allow districts to offer a 100% remote option that was not initially offered to school Districts in the State of New Jersey as an instructional delivery method three weeks ago when official guidance was made public. I am asking you to fill out the survey below regarding your instructional model of choice. This is your opportunity to make your intentions known as the development of this possibility is coming very close to the beginning of the school year.

Parent Survey - Deadline July 26, 2020

Student Schedule Update

Given the variability in our reopening planning, at this point we do not anticipate the communication of individual student schedules and teacher assignments prior to Labor Day. Once the class assignment picture offers increased clarity I will communicate further.