EWRSD
Restart and Reopening of Schools Planning Update
August 3, 2020
EWRSD Restart and Reopening

- The **EWRSD Restart and Reopening Plan** serves to ensure compliance within the **NJDOE's Road Back - Restart and Recovery Plan for Education**. 
- The information contained within this plan is designed to be able to pivot based on the progress or challenges of the health condition reflected within our state and region. 
- The framework is intended to address the health, wellness, safety, and learning needs of our students and staff. 
- This document is not intended to answer every question, but rather to provide a framework for the standard operational protocols that the school district intends to implement for our 2020 - 2021 school year.
**What We Know**

The public health data and trends as it currently stands support the reopening of schools for in-person operations in fall 2020.

Absent a shift in the public health data, schools and districts must re-open for modified in-person instruction and operations at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, in accordance with the guidance and standards described in this plan.

Pursuant to this plan, and the health and safety standards contained herein, many schools and districts will have to operate school buildings at reduced capacity. This might necessitate the establishment of “hybrid” learning environments, where schools and districts deliver both in-person and remote services.

Districts need to be prepared to pivot to remote instruction at any time during the 2020-2021 school year.

**What We Do Not Know**

The nature and extent of future shifts in the public health data related to vulnerability to COVID-19.

Whether shifting public health data will require any modifications to the standards and guidance described in this plan.

Local circumstances and constraints: districts will have to plan schedules and other areas of operation in a manner that meets students’ local needs and complies with the standards set forth in this guidance.

Whether schools will be required to close for in-person instruction and transition back to entirely remote programs at some point in the 2020-2021 school year due to shifting public health data.
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● **Vision:** In collaboration with community stakeholders, develop a plan to safely reopen schools in September that best fits the district’s local needs.

● **Guidance:** “absent a shift in the public health data, school buildings will open in some capacity for in-person instruction and operations in the fall”. (The Road Back-June 2020)
  ○ NJDOE Road Back - 4 key subject areas & 10 critical areas of operation

● **Planning Teams:** *Facilities, Governance, Instruction, School Operations, Technology, & Wellness*
  ○ District Reopening Planning Team
  ○ Reopening Subcommittees
  ○ School Based Pandemic Planning Teams

● **Gathering Stakeholder Feedback**
  ○ Community Forums
  ○ Survey Feedback

● **Communication**
  ○ Community Updates
  ○ Board Meetings: July 13 and August 3
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The EWRSD Restart and Reopening Plan includes information regarding the following areas:

- Educational Models/Schedules
- Physical Distancing
- Screening Procedures
- Facilities Cleaning Practices
- Transportation
- Extracurriculars and Athletics
- Face Coverings
- Response to Students/Staff Presenting Symptoms
- Assessments/Grading
Educational Model of Choice (Modelo de educación preferido)

4,753 responses

- Hybrid In-person Learning Model (Modelo híbrido en persona (educación en las escuelas y remoto))
- All Remote Learning Model (Educación remota)

44.3% for Hybrid In-person Learning Model
55.7% for All Remote Learning Model
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If you selected the "All Remote Learning Model' please indicate why. (Si seleccionó Educación remota, por favor explique porque.)

4,725 responses

- Medical concern related to my child being in a high risk health category. (U…
- Medical concern related to a family member being in a high risk health cat…
- Concern/fear related to my child being exposed to COVID-19 while attending…
- Not applicable - I have selected the Hybrid In-person Learning Model. (No…
- Not applicable - I have selected the Hybrid In-person Learning Model. (No…
EWRSD Restart and Reopening - Survey Feedback

If eligible for district transportation, will your child be taking the school bus? (Si es elegible, ¿enviaría a su hijo (a) a la escuela en el autobús escolar?)

4,754 responses

- 44.6% Yes (Sí)
- 37.2% Not applicable - I have selected the All Remote Learning Model. (No aplicable: Seleccioné el modelo de educación remota.)
- 18.2% No
Are you willing to waive district transportation and drive your student to school each day? (¿Está dispuesto a traer a su hijo (a) a la escuela todos los días utilizando su modo de transporte personal?)

4,754 responses

- Yes (Sí) - 37.9%
- No - 35.8%
- Not applicable - I have selected the All Remote Learning Model. (No aplica: Seleccioné el modelo de educación remota.) - 26.3%
Does your child have access to a chromebook/iPad/laptop/desktop computer? (¿Tiene su hijo (a) acceso a una computadora de escritorio, tableta, Chromebook o iPad?)

4,754 responses

- Yes (Sí): 89.5%
- No: 10.5%
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Does your household have broadband/high speed internet? (¿Tiene acceso a la red cibernética en su hogar?)

4,754 responses

96.4% Yes (Sí)

No
If available, will you need to have your child to attend the Kidcare Extended Day Program? (Si estuviera disponible, ¿necesitaría que su hijo (a) asista al programa de cuidado extendido Kidcare?)

4,756 responses

- Yes - I need AM and PM. (Sí, necesito cuidado en la mañana y en la tarde)
- Yes - AM only. (Sí, necesito cuidado sólo en la mañana.)
- Yes - PM only. (Sí, necesito cuidado sólo en la tarde.)
- No

92.7%
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- **Educational Model Preferences/Selections**
  - Hybrid - 56%
  - All Remote - 44%

- **Will your child take the school bus?**
  - Yes - 45%
  - No - 18%
  - Not applicable - 37% (All Remote)

- **Does your household have broadband/high speed internet?**
  - Yes - 96%
  - No - 4%

- **If available, will you need to have your child to attend the Kidcare Extended Day Program?**
  - No - 93%
  - Yes: AM & PM - 4%
  - Yes: PM Only - 3%

- **Does your child have access to a chromebook/iPad/laptop/desktop computer?**
  - Yes - 89.5%
  - No - 10.5%
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- **Educational Models**
  - **Hybrid Model:** Synchronous and asynchronous learning for classroom instruction. This would consist of students receiving instruction in-school and at home.
  - **All Remote Learning:** Students continue to engage in distance/virtual learning. All Remote students will mirror the learning experiences of the hybrid peers.
  - Students organized into two cohorts (A and B) to reduce capacity in classrooms and buses.
  - **A Day/B Day Model** - alternating days in person as per an early dismissal schedule.
  - [REOPENING SCHEDULE FRAMEWORK](#)
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- The selection of a Hybrid or All Remote option will be for a marking period.
- Students can request a change from one model to another with advance notice (2 to 4 weeks).
- Remote students will be placed into an A or B cohort with their Hybrid peers.
- When learning remotely, an emphasis will be placed on live instruction and regular attendance.
- Teaching/Learning/Assessments/Grading
- Importance of the connection between the student and teacher.
- Staffing Needs
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- **School Buses**
  - Face coverings are required on buses
  - Social distancing will take place on all buses with no more than one student per seat.
  - Assigned seating
  - Plexiglass dividers between the driver, students and all seats.
  - Buses will be cleaned between each run and disinfected at the conclusion of the day.
EWRSD Restart and Reopening - Screening

- All staff and students will complete an electronic CDC/COVID-19 attestation each day before reporting to school. The questions will address:
  - Household members with symptoms related to COVID, including a fever of 100 degrees or greater
  - Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 or are awaiting test results?
  - Contact with anyone in the household who has been recommended to quarantine, isolate, or tested positive.
  - Recent travel to an area on New Jersey’s Travel Advisory List.
- Answering “yes” to any questions will result in the need to remain at home.
- Student and staff temperatures will be checked upon arrival to school.
- Each will have multiple entry points and covered staging areas.
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- Social distancing practices throughout the district (6 feet separation).
- 6 feet desk set-up in classrooms.
- Face coverings must be worn by students, staff, and visitors. The district will provide cloth face coverings for students and staff.
- Increased cleaning during school the day in common areas (hallways & bathrooms). No hand dryers in bathrooms.
- Emphasis on frequently high touch areas (light switches, door knobs, furniture). Deep clean each night.
- Plexiglass sneeze guards in office areas and classrooms.
- Purchases of additional equipment (backpack sprayers and air scrubbers).
- Hand sanitizing stations throughout the school.
- Limited visitors to buildings (appointment only).
EWRSD Restart and Reopening - Facilities

- **Signage (social distancing - 6 feet, face coverings, hand washing)**
  - At entry points and throughout all buildings within the district

- **Ventilation, Air Filtration and Air Quality**
  - Preventative Maintenance schedule within each of our buildings throughout the district.
  - Consultation with M&E Engineers to complete an assessment of the HVAC equipment in all buildings to determine effectiveness and filter capacity.
  - Assessment of air quality within all buildings.
  - Findings and recommendations will be communicated to the Board of Education.
EWRSD Restart and Reopening—COVID-19 Symptoms

- Students and Staff presenting with COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to the nurse.
- Based on the nurse’s assessment, the student/staff member may be guided to the Isolation Room in preparation to be picked up from school.
- Constant communication with or local health department officials.
- The staff member or student will remain at home as per district/DOH/CDC guidelines.
- A determination will be made regarding the need to identify and quarantine other students/staff who came in close, prolonged contact with suspected individual (Contract Tracing)
- The school may need to temporarily close to for 2-5 days for deep cleaning and contact tracing.
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- **Special Education**
  - IEP’s of all students will be fulfilled as required by NJ Administrative Code 6A:14.

- **Social Emotional Supports**
  - SEL Lessons
  - ACES - Adverse Childhood Experiences Training
  - Trauma Informed Practices
  - Mental Health First Aid

- **Technology**
  - Devices
  - Internet Access
  - Simulcasting
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● Extracurricular Activities and Athletics
  ○ High School Fall Season delayed as per NJSIAA
  ○ September 14 - November 22
  ○ Final determination regarding the status of the fall season - August 28
  ○ Middle School Sports - doubtful

● Clubs
  ○ If feasible, clubs will be offered virtually

● Kidcare - Extended Day Program
  ○ AM
  ○ PM
QUESTIONS