JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN

BOARD PRESENTATION
AUGUST 6, 2020
A Comprehensive Informed Approach

Guiding documents:

On June 26, 2020, NJDOE published *The Road Back Restart and Recovery Plan*

- Schools are required to reopen for in-person learning
- JCPS must submit the reopening plan to NJDOE (8/8/20)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Preparing for a Safe Return to School*

American Academy of Pediatrics *Guidance for School Reopening*

District’s Guiding principles:

1. Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
2. Deliver high-quality instruction to students, regardless of delivery model
3. Provide parents flexibility and choice in instructional delivery models
Goals for this meeting

• Develop a shared understanding of the Phased Model
• Empower parents with information and options
• Accept the Jersey City Public Schools Reopening Plan based on today’s health data
• Reach a consensus about what Phase the JCPS will implement in September
• Reach an agreement about the number of consecutive days of in-person instruction in the Hybrid Model
• Reach a consensus of the next steps
A PHASED APPROACH ALLOWS FOR MULTIPLE MODELS THAT ADAPT TO HEALTH DATA

PHASE 1 - All Remote Learning

PHASE 2 - A Cohort (a group of students) attends school 5 consecutive days for in-person instruction while two groups participate using virtual learning when they are not physically present at school.

PHASE 3 & 4 - Implement as Health Data Permit

PHASE 5 - All Students attend school every day for a full day.
Phase 2- As soon as possible

- A percentage of students return to in-person instruction as soon as health data support bringing students
- 33% of the students are physically present at one time
- There are 3 groups of students (Group A, Group B, Group C)
- Classes will range between 5 and 8 students
Instructional Times for Students:

• All the students from PK-3 to 8\(^{th}\) grade (Hybrid and Remote) will participate in lessons from 8:30 am to 2:55 pm

• Staggered entrances and dismissal

• Grab and go meals (classroom)

• All students from 9\(^{th}\) to 12\(^{th}\) grade will participate in lessons from 8:30 to 1:00 pm.

• Evening support for parents

• Staff will work the contractual hours
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HYBRID MODEL  (Three groups with 5 Consecutive days of instruction)
Parent Survey

Approximately 9,700 parents responded

- **52.8%** Said, NO, I will not send my child to school for in-person learning
- **42.2%**, Said, YES, I will send my child to school for in-person learning
- **61%** Said, my child will wear a mask
- **71%** agreed that grab and go meals would be safer
- **76%** of the parents said they **would not allow** their child to ride a school bus
Technology

Survey results:

• 23.4% of the parents said that their child needs a Chromebook (2,070)

• 14.5% of the parents said they need a Chromebook and a Hotspot (1,200)

• There will be parents that need a device but did not respond to the survey

District actions:

• Working towards 1:1

• Distributed 3,572 Chromebooks this Spring

• Distributed 1,201 Hotspots

• Ordered 4,973 Chromebooks

• Plan to use CARES Act funds to order more Chromebooks

• Sent the preliminary information for the Digital Divide Grant
### Staff Surveys

#### Return to work survey
- 2,240 staff responses
- 86% (1,926) Yes, I will return to teach in person
- 14% (314) No, I will not return to school. Most of the people who said no are concerned about their health
- 41% of those who said no will seek an accommodation to work remotely

#### NJ Teacher COVID-19 Concerns
- Students’ instructional loss
- Students’ exposure to trauma
- Student engagement
- Health and Safety measures
- Training in distance learning
- Clear expectations
- Digital divide
Conditions for Learning

- General Health and Safety Guidelines
- Classrooms and other sites at school
- Transportation
- Student flow, entry, exit, and common areas
- Screening, PPE and responses to students and staff
- Contact tracing
- Facilities and cleaning practices
- Meals
- Field trips and extra-curricular activities
Continuity of Learning

- Full time online learning
- Hybrid model
- Learning Management System- Google classroom
- Adaptive software
- Video and live streaming
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Instruction and Assessments
- Professional learning
- Special education
- Early Childhood
Parents that choose a full remote option for their child will use the student management system, Infinite Campus, to confirm their choice.

- Beginning Monday, August 10, 2020 parents will notify the district.
- Students will remain on remote instruction for a marking period (45 days).
Next Steps

Our preferred model of instruction is a traditional educational environment, but how do we ensure the safety of our students and staff?