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“Life is a short walk. There is so little time and so much living to achieve.” John Oliver Killens

Asbury Park School District Community:

I hope you're enjoying these beautiful summer days. It's an awesome time to create so many life-lasting memories. We are just a few weeks away from our return to fulltime, in-person instruction starting on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

The CDC continues to recommend it is emotionally best for students and staff to engage in in-person learning, which is very promising and welcoming news. The New Jersey Department of Education has not provided any updated guidance, but continues to implore our communities to practice safety measures as well as to get vaccinated. The information the NJDOE issued in June called for the use of face masks and most recently, the recommendation in July was despite vaccination status, that all persons wear a mask while indoors. This guidance is in sync with the Asbury Park School District's Safe Return Plan, which also calls for students and staff to wear masks in an effort to mitigate the spread of all COVID-19 variants, including Delta.

The Asbury Park School District and Monmouth County Health Department are teaming up to offer an on-site district vaccination clinic for Monday, August 9 (1st dose) and Monday, August 30 (2nd dose) for our Asbury Park community. We ask that you make every effort to get yourself and your children (12 years old and above) vaccinated. Vaccines remain effective against the worst outcomes of COVID-19, including from the highly contagious Delta variant. It is a safe way to keep yourself and your loved ones healthy and alive.

*I will be conducting the second of my four-part Listening and Learning sessions on August 17 at 2 p.m. This meeting with all community stakeholder will provide us the opportunity to discuss our routines and expectations for September and beyond. The link is posted on our district website. Soon after, it will be shared on all of our social media platforms. **Again, in-person classes will begin in September. Students will be in school the entire day and participate in the early morning and after-school programs our families have come to expect.***

Thank you for allowing, the APSD to provide a student-centered, process-driven and outcome-focused learning and developmental safe environment for your children.

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