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Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank each of you for your input and support over the last several months as well as during the process of developing the District's "The Road Back Restart and Recovery Plan." Please know that we have been in constant communication and collaboration with the Monmouth County Health Department to ensure the continued health and safety of our school community.

In anticipation of students returning to the district for in-person instruction, I wanted to remind you of several critical protocols that are in place. As a reminder, students have been divided alphabetically into two cohorts, A-J (Blue Group) and K-Z (Bishop Group). The detailed schedule appears below:

- October 26, 2020:
 - All Pre K classes (5-Days a Week)
 - Kindergarten, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade and 9th Grade (Alternating A/B Schedule)
- November 2, 2020
 - All remaining students/grade-levels return to In-Person Instruction (Alternating A/B Schedule)

When your child reports to school she/he will be required to adhere to the following building safety protocols: [\(view video here\)](#)

- Parent must complete a daily health form for each child before she/he can enter the school building.

BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

- All students, staff and visitors are required to wear a mask while in district buildings. The district has provided each student with two washable masks. You also may have your child wear a mask of your choosing, but they must wear a mask.
- Physical distancing signs are displayed in our hallways to indicate the proper direction of travel.
- Please remind your child to wash her/his hands throughout the day. When hand-washing isn't possible, students are encouraged to use hand-sanitizing stations that are strategically placed throughout all buildings.
- "Wash Your Hands" 20 second reminder signs are prominently placed in all bathrooms.
- All water fountains have been turned off. However, your child may bring a water bottle with her/his name prominently displayed on it.
- Desk shields have been put in place in classrooms where physical distancing is not possible.
- Nurses have been trained to identify those displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Any students displaying COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated until picked up by a parent/guardian.

Additionally, per Governor Phil Murphy's Executive Order on July 24, 2020, we will continue to offer a "full-time" remote learning option. Should you choose this means of instruction, you may [access the form here](#). At the time of this letter, approximately 250 families have opted for full-remote instruction. When students are not attending school in-person, they will be required to login to their classes from home at the same time the classes are meeting in school. If you choose to have your child participate in full remote learning and are in need of breakfast and/or lunch, you may continue to pick up Grab-and-Go meals Monday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at either the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Upper Elementary or Thurgood Lower Elementary School.

Please be mindful that the full-time remote learning option for families does not have to be the full year. Any student/family that has selected full remote will have the option to select in-person on February 1, 2021.

In closing, we all agree that these are very challenging times. However, we are committed to being as responsive as possible in an effort to thoughtfully navigate this every-changing environment. I am confident that our Blue Bishop Family will continue working together to provide the optimal learning experience for our students.

Respectfully,



Sancha K. Gray
Superintendent

2020-2021 Asbury Park District Goals

Academic Excellence

By June 2021, all students in grades PK-12 will develop and maintain a 21st Century digital portfolio of writing assignments. This portfolio will be maintained by the district and contain historical data that will be available to all instructional staff.

Community & Parent Engagement

By the end of SY2020-2021, we will increase parental involvement and school interaction by 50%.

Innovative Practices

By the end of June 2021, all teachers districtwide will utilize a learning management system (LMS) to create dynamic, interactive academic spaces to provide personalized instruction for all 21st century learners.

Collaborative Community and Fiscal Accountability

Develop a plan to repurpose Obama Elementary School and the steps necessary to accomplish.