



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As directed by the State of New Jersey, we are in the process of developing a plan to reopen this September. The guidelines for reopening were released on Friday, June 26th which has generated a number of questions. The guidelines make it very clear that New Jersey schools will open for in-person instructions this fall. Additionally, all students and staff will be required to wear face-covering when physical distancing of six feet is not possible unless a student or staff member is prohibited to do so because of a medical condition. Our goal is to have our students in school as much as possible while ensuring the safety of everyone.

Our Board of Education, it's committees and various teams of our district administrators have been meeting to develop a reopening plan that ensures the safety, health, and welfare of our students and staff. Additional school-based committees that include parents will be formed in the next week or so. We know there will be many questions as we go forward. In an effort to keep you informed, very shortly there will be reopening information and a Q & A section added to the district website.

The needs of our students, as well as your concerns, will drive our decisions as we plan to reopen the school. Therefore, a critical step in the process is to receive your feedback and hear your concerns about reopening. This parent survey is key to help us understand the needs of our students and their families. Please complete the surveys as soon as possible so we can address your concerns and consider your suggestions as we develop the plan.

Based on all of the information we receive; survey results, questions, feedback, and discussions, we will develop a plan that we will share with you in early August keeping in mind that Holmdel schools open September 14th. Between now and then, in subsequent correspondence, we will share the basic tenets of our plan and that all intended plans will be subject to additional input and approvals from the local Department of Health and the New Jersey Department of Education.

We recognize the timeline is tight and that conditions may change. We ask for your understanding and guidance as we move through this uncharted territory. Our common goal is to reopen our schools in an environment that ensures the health, welfare, and safety of every student and staff member.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lee Seitz

Acting Superintendent of Schools