

July 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In tonight's communication, we are sharing some additional information regarding the opening of schools for the 2020-21 school year as well as a link to our Parent/Guardian Preference Form. Please see below for the District's *Health and Safety and Related Planning* document that will be further discussed during the School Board meeting on Thursday, July 23.

### **Parent/Guardian Preference Form**

Also included is a link to our parent/guardian Preference Form. We ask that parents/guardians use this form to share their intentions for this fall regarding transportation, and their preference for in-person or our 100% virtual option, Haverford Online. **The link will remain active until August 1st.**

**[Please use this link to complete the Preference Form.](#)**

We understand some of your questions may still need to be answered before you can submit the Preference Form, please check [our website](#) for updated information, and attend drop-in sessions before you submit your response.

However, if you already know what your plan is, feel free to complete the Preference Form now. The sooner that we get this information, the more quickly we can refine plans for staffing, transportation, and food services. Your responses will allow us to begin in-depth planning and allocating resources accordingly.

### **Health and Safety and Related Planning Details**

#### **As of July 20, 2020**

In accordance with requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the School District of Haverford Township School Board of Directors will vote on a Health and Safety Plan prior to the reopening of schools. This vote will occur during the July 30, 2020 school board meeting.

This plan is divided into four categories: Distancing, Screening, Hygiene, Masking.

***In order to provide our community with a sense of what the school experience will be like for students, our principals have provided brief descriptions of their plans to implement the Health and Safety guidance at this time.***

As always, these plans remain fluid as guidance, direction, and trajectory of the virus continue to change. The District continues to seek clarity and direction from officials on a number of issues.

More detailed information regarding schedules, expectations, and procedures will be shared in the coming weeks.

It's understood that parents'/guardians' feelings and concerns about how to safely open schools are very strong and vary widely. No one plan will satisfy everyone's concerns. We've done the best we can to offer options and will work to make the school year as safe and positive as possible.

If you wish to provide a comment on the plans linked below, please complete the form at [this link](#). Comments will inform the content of an information session to be held the week of July 27.

[High School: Health and Safety and Related Planning, as of July 20, 2020](#)

[Middle School: Health and Safety and Related Planning, as of July 20, 2020](#)

[Elementary Schools: Health and Safety and Related Planning, as of July 20, 2020](#)

Thank you very much for your patience and support.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Reusche, Ed.D.  
Superintendent