

# MAYWOOD

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## District Update – June 25, 2020

Good evening, I hope this message finds you and your family well. I reach out as many of you may have seen that the Governor will be releasing guidelines as to the reopening of school. His intention is to release these guidelines tomorrow. These guidelines will have many changes, updates, revisions, etc in the weeks to come. The guidelines will be reviewed by the District and our county partners and we will await further direction from the New Jersey Department of Education and most importantly, the Department of Health. The health and safety of our students and staff was, is and will be the priority regardless of the guidelines.

The frustration continues to be that guidelines are nice but there needs to be concrete, absolute and consistent medical requirements that go along with the guidelines. It is one thing to say that masks must be worn and social distancing must take place and this schedule is nice but that schedule may be better, but the critical piece is the medical component. Quite simply, we will collectively, staff, parents, students, community, provide the best education possible but we need specific medical requirements when it comes to real world situations that include what we must do if a child tests positive, or a staff member, or a staff member's spouse or a parent's co worker's friend who was at a gathering together. These medical questions must be answered with requirements and not guidelines. Therefore, rest assured that we are consistently planning for various options as presented in our "Maywood Thinking Forward" outline and presentation. I simply alert you to the fact that the guidelines tomorrow will not be the guidelines in two weeks and two weeks thereafter, and they won't be clear medical requirements.

Therefore our planning will assume the worst, hope for the best and fall somewhere in between. The options regardless of guidelines have been and continue to be clear and they are a full opening, a full continued closure with distance learning or a hybrid where we are in person and at home on rotating days and or hours. As the guidelines settle in and are revised this will become much clearer. In essence, take the guidelines that are released on Friday with a grain of salt because as past evidence has shown, they are fickle and ever changing at best. We will do what is right for our kids, staff and community together and use the guidelines for what they are intended to be and that is guidelines, and we will continue to demand medical requirements.

As a means of an update, please note the following:

**Summer Remediation Virtual Classes**

Remediation Math and LA classes will begin on July 6th and continue through the end of the month. If you have responded to the google form registration you are guaranteed a spot and specific details will be released next week.

**Summer Student Snapshot Materials**

Please continue to use the Summer Snapshot material that was emailed yesterday as a fluid summer academic progression model for your child so as to keep them engaged, motivated and geared up for September.

**Grade 8 Dropoff/Pickup - June 26**

The Class of 2020 will have the opportunity to drop off school property that they had at home and pick up their personal belongings on Friday from 9 to 12 in the MAS parking lot.

**Grade K-7 Dropoff/Pickup - Week of August 3**

Please be on the lookout for a schedule for the drop off of school items, including borrowed chromebooks, for K-7 students. We will have a detailed schedule emailed to all families for this dropoff which will be scheduled for the week of August 3rd. We have selected this week so that all students can keep their school belongings for the summer remediation classes in July.

**Kindergarten Orientation - August 18**

The District will provide a virtual incoming Kindergarten student and parent orientation on August 18th at 6:30 PM. Please stay tuned for more information.

**Incoming 4th Grade Orientation - August 19**

The District will provide a virtual incoming 4th grade student and parent orientation on August 19th at 6:30 PM. Please stay tuned for more information.

We will continue to provide updates throughout the summer and as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay well.

*Michael Jordan*