



District Families:

As we enter the month of October we will begin to transition into the planning and preparation stage for Phase 2. As per our approved plan, Phase 2 is expected to begin on or about November 2nd. Although that seems to be in the distant future, it is not that far away when dealing with the planning and preparation required. Most importantly, included in Phase 2 planning will be the welcoming back of any Opt Out students who choose to attend in person starting in Phase 2.

As was the case with the start of the school year in September, much of the planning and preparation is contingent upon the number of students who will be taking part in the hybrid-in person instruction model and the number who will be attending fully virtual. ***In that vein, all families will be receiving a survey within the coming days that will ask for them to state their intentions for Phase 2.*** This information will then drive some of our decisions.

October 15th is an important date in the District. Although no decisions will be made on that date, it is roughly 28 days from the start of school and it also offers two full COVID-19 incubation cycles. In establishing what the eventual Phase 2 will look like, the district will use the latest CDC and NJDOH guidelines and the experiences of our colleague districts, our parent survey responses, as well as our in-district Pandemic Response Teams and the District Restart Committee.

### **Phase 2 Definites**

- Facemasks will continue to be required;
- Desk Shields will continue to be used by all students;
- Wednesday will remain the “deep clean day” with no in person classes for K-8 students;
- Health Screening Checklists on the morning of in person instruction for in person students and staff will continue to be required;
- Opt Out virtual learning will continue to be an option unless the State changes regulations by the beginning of Phase 2.

### **Phase 2 Yet To Be Determined**

The district will use the latest CDC and NJDOH guidelines and the experiences of our colleague districts, our parent survey responses, as well as our in-district Pandemic Response Teams and the District Restart Committee in determining the **STRUCTURE, SCHEDULE and LENGTH** of in person instruction for Phase 2

**STRUCTURE, SCHEDULE and LENGTH** **POSSIBILITIES** for Phase 2 include:

#### **212 COHORT SCHEDULE SAME AS PHASE 1**

Remain in the 212 model of Phase 1 that we currently function in. Students who were Opt Outs for Phase 1 and choose to return to in person instruction for Phase 2 will be added to the cohort sections.

#### **212 COHORT SCHEDULE WITH 1:30 PM DISMISSAL**

Remain in the 212 model of Phase 1 but the in person day will extend to 1:30 PM. Snacks will take place at all grade levels and lunch will be a grab and go for all students who would like it at 1:30 PM. 2:30 PM through 3:05 PM will be teacher office hours/extra help only in a virtual setting for all students. Students who were Opt Outs for Phase 1 and choose to return to in person instruction for Phase 2 will be added to the cohort sections.

#### **212 COHORT SCHEDULE WITH FULL DAY**

Remain in the 212 model of Phase 1 but the in person day will be a full day of school with in person lunch. Students who were Opt Outs for Phase 1 and choose to return to in person instruction for Phase 2 will be added to the cohort sections.

### **COHORTS COMBINED FOR 4 DAYS OF IN PERSON INSTRUCTION WITH SCHEDULE THE SAME AS PHASE 1 (12:30 PM)**

Cohort A and B will be combined and provided with 4 days of in person instruction (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 12:30 PM). Students who were Opt Outs for Phase 1 and choose to return to in person instruction for Phase 2 will be added to the 4 day in person model.

### **COHORTS COMBINED FOR 4 DAYS OF IN PERSON INSTRUCTION WITH 1:30 PM DISMISSAL**

Cohort A and B will be combined and provided with 4 days of in person instruction (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, dismissed at 1:30 PM). Snacks will take place at all grade levels and lunch will be a grab and go for all students who would like it at 1:30 PM. 2:30 PM through 3:05 PM will be teacher office hours/extra help only in a virtual setting for all students. Students who were Opt Outs for Phase 1 and choose to return to in person instruction for Phase 2 will be added to the 4 day in person model.

### **COHORTS COMBINED FOR 4 DAYS OF IN PERSON INSTRUCTION FULL DAY**

Cohort A and B will be combined and provided with 4 days of in person instruction (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, full day with lunch). Students who were Opt Outs for Phase 1 and choose to return to in person instruction for Phase 2 will be added to the 4 day in person model.

The difference between this past summer and now is that for Phase 2 we need to have confirmed in person and opt out commitments before making the schedule and structure decisions. Therefore, we wanted all families to have an idea of the options that are being considered before you confirm whether your child will be a hybrid in person or an opt out. **Again, please be on the lookout for a survey within the coming days that we will need 100% of our families to complete regarding their selection of hybrid in person or opt out.**

We thank everyone for their commitment to this process on behalf of our District and all of our students.

Sincerely,

*Michael Jordan*

Superintendent of Schools