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District Community:

Good evening, I hope all is well. As many of you may have seen already, the Governor's tweets were fast and furious yesterday. The tweets were also consistent with what we saw this past year, that being no formal guidance or requirements and a lot of "optionals." However, the driving force behind Maywood's re-entry plan is centered on the Governor's statement that, "New Jersey school districts will return to full-time in-person classes for the 2021-22 academic year, after 16 months of upheaval. The state will no longer permit districts to offer remote or hybrid classes because of the pandemic."

Over the next few weeks the District will be working on a draft document that will focus on our re-entry plan. Much of the specifics that will be used come from a myriad of resources from the State Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health. "The Road Back" document from the State provided around this time last year, has now been reinvented and is called "The Road Forward". This too will be used in all of our plans. Much is and will be dependent on where we are as a State and County come September. As noted by the Governor, "guidance could change again in the coming weeks, either because of deteriorating COVID-19 numbers or stricter recommendations from the CDC."

At the very minimum we are developing a plan for September that complies with the current guidance, as recent as yesterday. The plan will focus on a full day of in person instruction, in school lunch, before and aftercare, and optional wearing of masks. As noted, some if not all of the plans we have at this time may be different come September, but that is out of our control at this moment.

Once we share the preliminary Maywood document with everyone, we will then start to schedule subcommittee meetings with all stakeholders so that we can move from draft to final product.

Stay tuned and thanks,

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