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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Community Members,

Good Morning. Thank you for your patience over the past month as the district has been working on its Reopening Plan for September. We appreciate the time so that we can focus on this endeavor. I want to begin by thanking the many individuals that have contributed to the school-based Pandemic Response Teams as well as the District Restart Committee. I especially want to thank the administration and Board of Education for their absolute leadership during this time. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team!

First and foremost, I want to reiterate our Core Beliefs and Guiding Principles that were continuously referred to during the development of our plans. They are as follows:

1. *Health and Safety; of all students and staff.*
2. *Communication; ongoing among all constituents.*
3. *Learning; uphold the integrity of our instructional program.*
4. *Engagement; ensure equitable access for all students.*
5. *Wellness; prioritize social and emotional needs and development.*
6. *Empathy; caring for one another.*

Over the past month, we established a comprehensive understanding of the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Education (DOE) guidelines. I also attended a number of meetings with officials from both entities. I'm pleased to report that our plans have been **approved** by both of the DOE and DOH.

There are many complexities in the Reopening Plan, and many variables that needed to be considered now and, in the future, as we may need to pivot. Our focused goals were to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff while striving to maximize the instructional contact time in order to sustain the integrity of our educational program and curriculum. Three main Department of Health directives that influenced and guided our instructional plan included six-foot social distancing, both students and staff wearing masks and the high risk of transmission with large groups of students in our cafeterias for lunch.

Therefore, in order to comply with the above-mentioned goals and directives, we have established the following instructional framework for students in each of our four schools:

- Group A: Approximately half the student population in each school.*
- Group B: Approximately half the student population in each school.*
- Group C: Remote only students due to an eligible medical condition or parental request (TBD).*
- Group D: Pre-School, Kindergarten, and Program-Based Students.*

**Group A:** On Day 1, students will report to school for in-person instruction for a **half-day** session. No lunch will be provided. Dismissal will occur, and then students will continue their academic day remotely from home with a specific schedule of instruction in the PM via Zoom. On Day 2, students will have a specific remote academic schedule from home via Zoom for both AM and PM sessions. On Day 3, repeat Day 1.

**Group B:** On Day 1, students will have a remote academic schedule from home via Zoom for the AM and PM sessions. On Day 2, students will report to school for in-person instruction for a **half-day** session in the AM. No lunch will be provided. Dismissal will occur, and then students will be provided with a specific academic schedule for the PM session remotely from home via Zoom. On Day 3, repeat Day 1.

**Please note that Group A and Group B students who are in the same class will have simultaneous instruction whether at home or in-person. Teachers will livestream instruction directly from the classroom through Zoom, providing at-home students with the same lessons and schedule as their peers in the classroom.**

**Group C** students will have their entire program provided to them remotely each day for the AM and PM sessions via Zoom. The district will communicate with parents in the near future regarding a process to submit these requests, once we receive further guidance from the Department of Education.

**Group D** students will receive in-person instruction for their scheduled program each day.

**Note: Please see attached framework for your review. Student group assignments will be communicated in August by each of the schools.**

There are many more details to our Reopening Plan that we will share with you in the coming weeks. We recognize that there is a lot of information to review and consider and including it in one letter would not be comprehensive or responsible. Therefore, we have developed a communication schedule (see attached) where we will provide you with weekly correspondence leading up to the Reopening of schools. District correspondence will be via email received from BOE Communications and will be posted on the district website. Components of information that you can anticipate over the next several weeks are as follows:

1. *Health and Safety Plan*
2. *Cleaning Regiment*
3. *Social and Emotional Essentials*
4. *Technology Tools and Training*
5. *School-Based Plans*
6. *2020-2021 School Calendar Revision*
7. *Student and Staff Participation*
8. *Sports and Co-curricular Activities*
9. *Grab and Go Lunch*
10. *Special Services Details*
11. *Returning Student Registration*

I can't thank you enough for your support during the past five months. Your cooperation and caring as a community have allowed for the continued success of our students. Our priority is to continue the development and achievement of our students within this new landscape. We are prepared to move forward with the commitment of our teachers, support staff, and administration, but we will need your continued support, understanding and cooperation.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Be well,



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Superintendent of Schools

## New Providence School District Reopening Plan

Group	<u>Week One</u>					<u>Week Two</u>				
	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>
<b>A</b> (approximately half of students in grades 1-12)	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction
<b>B</b> (approximately half of students in grades 1-12)	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>	Remote Instruction	<u>AM In-Person Classroom Instruction / PM Remote Instruction</u>
<b>C</b> (Remote only students due to an eligible medical condition, or parental request)	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction	Remote Instruction
<b>D</b> (All Pre-School, All Kindergarten, and Program-Based Students)	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction	In-person Classroom Instruction

Please see below for the Communications Calendar.

\*All information can also be found on the district website [HERE](#).

**New Providence School District Reopening Plan  
Communications Calendar**

<b><i>Communication</i></b>	<b><i>Projected Release Dates</i></b>
<i>District Reopening Plan Letter – Dr. Miceli</i>	<i>7/22</i>
<i>School Calendar Revision</i>	<i>7/24</i>
<i>School Based Plans</i>	<i>7/31</i>
<i>Student and Staff Participation/Remote Learning Choice</i>	<i>Week of 8/3</i>
<i>Social and Emotional Essentials</i>	<i>Weekly Starting 8/3</i>
<i>Sports and Co-Curriculars</i>	<i>8/10</i>
<i>Special Services Details</i>	<i>8/15 and 8/30</i>
<i>Health and Safety Plan and Cleaning Regimen</i>	<i>8/17</i>
<i>Technology Tools and Training</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>Grab and Go Lunch Options</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>Returning Student Registration</i>	<i>8/24</i>

*\* All communication will be emailed and also posted on the District website.*