

## **Spring Update to Reopening Plan**

**April 19, 2021**

Good Afternoon

I hope the day is ending well. At last night's Board meeting the trustees voted unanimously to return 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to full-time instruction on Monday, March 22, and will measure the health-related metrics at regular intervals with consideration given to returning the junior class to full-time instruction on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, with further considerations to the remaining grades at regular intervals.

The Board of Education further moved that full-remote learning will remain an option with the hybrid model, subject to re-evaluation at two-week intervals, with the expectation that students are required to attend school on their in-person hybrid days.

The high school team will be reaching out to students and parents relative to Monday's Senior Class return to daily in-person instruction, and the district administrative staff will provide regular reports to the Board of Education relative to all district buildings and grade levels. Please see the results of the survey conducted with parents, grades 6-12. Thank and have a great evening.

[Results of Survey Grades 6-12.pdf](#)

Be well,

Dr. Bennardo

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**April 9, 2021**

Hi, this is Dr. Bennardo with the weekly wrap-up call. I hope this call finds you and your families well.

This week's warmer temperatures and increased sunshine had a rejuvenating effect all around the district, and there is a renewed energy both inside and outside the classroom walls. The academic tone is strong, and our teachers and staff are committed to maximizing every moment of these last 10 weeks. Our team is also working hard to hold as many of the traditional year-end ceremonies, and some new creative events, while simultaneously keeping a watchful eye on the preservation of health and safety. It is a delicate balancing act in this current COVID world, but the odds are starting to tilt in our favor and there is definitely hope on the horizon.

At last night's Board of Education meeting the trustees voted to offer our 6 through 11th grade students the option of joining our elementary children and seniors in full-time instruction.

The Return Proposal is as follows:

By Specific Grade

K & 3	Monday, November 16, 2020
Grades 1 & 4	Monday, November 23, 2020
Grades 2 & 5	Monday, November 30, 2020
Senior Class	Monday, March 22, 2021
Grade 11	Monday, April 12, 2021
Grade 8	Monday, April 12, 2021
Grade 6	Monday, April 12, 2021
Grade 7	Monday, April 19, 2021
Grades 9 & 10 & Pre-K	Monday, April 26, 2021

NOTE: The remote and hybrid options will remain in place with the understanding that hybrid students are expected to be in class and not accessing remotely on their in-class day.

Of course, we will continue to monitor things, and all decisions will be made by balancing education and social-emotional health, with safety always paramount.

Again, we cannot thank the members of our school community enough. Our parents, students, staff, and Board of Education have been remarkably patient during this imaginable time in our history.

This will one day be a Regents Exam essay where students will be asked to evaluate the impact of COVID 19 on the structure of our society, and we will be the old-timers who were here as part of a history we never asked for or expected. However, this community stuck together during the darkest days, and while we can't let down our guard just yet, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

With that said I wish you a wonderful weekend and please be well.

Dave

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**\*Note: All schools will have classroom student desks with distancing of 4 feet.**