August 7, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have had the opportunity to review the reopening slide presentation and the Restart Plan that was sent to you this past Monday. If you haven’t, please take the time to do so, as it provides the information the school district plans on following for the opening of the school district in September. The letters sent with the plan updates, slide presentation, and the Restart Plan are on the District Website. I also hope that the virtual parent meetings held over the past few weeks have helped many of you gain a better understanding of your options for September. At this point in time, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is requiring school districts to provide some form of in school instruction, while being required to follow a set of safety requirements. The Restart Plan provides the schedule we are currently planning on following, as well as procedures that will be in place to protect our students and staff.

At this point in time, we need you to notify the district on what option you are choosing for your child to start the school year. In order for the district to develop schedules, assign teachers, create bus routes, and be ready to open the 2020-21 school year, we need a commitment to what option of instruction you are planning on choosing. Please click on this Parent Survey to access a short survey indicating what instructional option you will be choosing. In order for the schools to be ready to open, we will need you to answer the survey by Tuesday, August 11th, as we will begin to develop the cohorts the students will be placed in when returning to school. I cannot stress enough the importance of all our parents completing the survey and the importance of completing it by Tuesday.

We are trying to firm up a plan to provide a before and after care program at both schools for students on the days the students are scheduled to be in the building. We have not finalized the details, as we are in discussion with the Boys & Girls Club of Pequannock. I’m hoping to be able to provide more details early next week.

Once again, please realize that I recognize that nothing in this plan is a perfect situation for anyone. A great deal of time and energy went into the decision-making process in creating the Restart Plan. Unfortunately, there is no way to meet everyone’s needs or to make everyone happy. However, the plan does meet the educational requirements of the NJDOE and the safety requirements of the CDC.

Please take the time to review the Restart Plan, which will assist you in making the best decision for your child and with answering the Parent Survey. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your time and continued support. I hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Respectfully,

James W. Grube
Superintendent of Schools