

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear School One Families,

We are excited to share that we are ready to make the next step to welcome more students back to our elementary schools. As Dr. Mast announced at our February 18th Board of Education Meeting, all elementary students may start in person instruction for five single session days with a virtual 2:00 - 3:00 block on **Monday, March 15th**.

All students will have two choices from that date forward. **They can either attend school in person five days per week, or they can attend virtually five days per week.** There will no longer be an option to participate in an A or B Cohort.

- In order to plan for the numbers of students coming back in person, **we will assume if your child is currently in person through the hybrid model, they will return five days a week.** If you prefer to have your child return to virtual instruction, **please email me by March 8th.**
- If your child is currently learning remotely, and you would like to change their status to in person instruction five days per week on March 15th, **please email me by March 8th.** Every teacher and staff member will be meticulously spacing furniture and materials in their classrooms for optimum safety. It is important that we know your decision by that date. The next opportunity to let us know you would like your child to attend in person will be **April 19th for a return date of April 26th.** You may change from in person to virtual instruction at any time.

There are some challenges in bringing more students back. Many of our classrooms are not large enough to support a full 6 foot distancing for all students as recommended in CDC guidelines. Here are some ways we will mitigate these challenges:

- We will maintain 6 feet of distance between individuals whenever possible. When not possible, individuals will be separated by a desk shield.
- All other safety measures will remain in effect, including mask wearing, daily health screening, frequent hand washing, and careful entrance and exit procedures.
- To the extent possible, short snack breaks will be taken outside. In the event students eat indoors, they will take turns in the classroom.

- We will continue to inform the school community of any positive cases of COVID-19.

This is an important step towards the educational experience we would all like our children to have. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we implement this process carefully and deliberately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Fiory". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Justin Fiory.



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