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Principal's Updates

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Dear Parents and Guardians of PS 34,

We hope that you are all well and safe and finding moments of rest and fun during the summer days. As we move forward with the planning of the re-opening of school, I know there are many questions on your minds. I will have another Family Forum discussion on August 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Please use this link to join the meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98550299569?pwd=dTB6bWRJaE41amdQU2lWRE4vMGg3QT09>

Meeting ID: 985 5029 9569

Passcode: 123456

Important Updates:

- Providing a safe and healthy environment for all is of utmost importance. We will do all we possibly can to achieve this by following the guidelines as set forth by the DOE and the Department of Health.
 - ✓ We are currently rearranging the placement of the classrooms based on the number of children each room will accommodate following distance recommendations. We will send out to all parents the new classrooms by mid to late August.
 - ✓ We are also working with the Office of Space Management to find additional space that we can use in order to space the classes. We will keep everyone updated as to this progress.
- **All Safety Measures are as follows:**
 - The DOE will provide all schools with necessary supplies to help protect students and staff from COVID-19, including hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectants, and thermometers.
 - All schools will have enhanced cleaning in classrooms, bathrooms, and high touch areas such as doorknobs and shared equipment such as laptops.
 - All schools will have a designated Isolation Room, as well as staff to supervise that space in the event someone becomes ill.
 - Required deep cleanings to be completed on a nightly basis, including the use of electrostatic sprayers.

- Every morning, prior to entering the school, specific staff will perform random samplings of temperatures for both students and school-based staff using non-touch thermometers. Daily health screenings must be completed at home by families and by school-based staff. The DOE will launch a robust education campaign that makes clear to parents and school-based staff how important these daily health checks are to keeping school communities healthy and safe. The DOE is also committed to purchasing thermometers for at-home use for families who may need them.
 - Managing all student drop off and pick up outside the school building to minimize the number of external visitors.
 - Limiting nonessential visitors. For any essential visitors, the frequency and duration of time spent in the building will be limited.
 - Redesigning movement protocols within a building to minimize congestion.
 - Face coverings will be required inside school buildings. Students are recommended to arrive to school with their own face coverings. For those who do not have a face covering, one will be provided. Exceptions will be developmentally- and age-appropriate, consistent with guidance of health agencies, and paired with increased Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff. NYCDOE will provide PPE for students and staff to use when inside school buildings.
 - All individuals in school buildings should remain at least 6 feet apart. Class sizes will be drastically decreased to allow for physical distancing.
 - There will be increased access and regular opportunities for students and staff to wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Parents who are not ready to send their child to school physically can opt into full remote learning using this link: <http://www.nycenet.edu/surveys/learningpreference> . The deadline is August 7, 2020.
 - We are working to implement Model 1B which will allow most classes to be split into 2 groups, (Cohorts) and attend school 2-3 days a week. (This is our initial plan, but as we gather more information, we will continue to update you.)

Model 1b: Back-to-Back School Days

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B
2	Cohort B	Cohort A	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort B

Cohort A and B will alternate going to school on Mondays each week. One week, your child will be in the school building 3 days a week and the next week, your child will be in the school building 2 days a week. On the days your child is not in the building, your child will be learning remotely at home.

- The school day for the children will be from 8:30am to 2:00pm.
- The school will provide the option of Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch meals for students. Students will eat lunch in the classrooms as part of the instructional day.

- All students will need to have their own devices for remote learning. If you do not have your own device, you can request a DOE iPad online at <http://coronavirus.schools.nyc/remoteteachingdevices>. For assistance, please contact Deise Kowalski at Dkowalski@schools.nyc.gov .

We will keep everyone informed of updates as we receive them. Meanwhile, I hope you continue to enjoy a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Best Regards,

Carmen Asselta

Principal