



Carlstadt Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Carlstadt Public School's Administration team has been deeply involved in the planning for the 2020-2021 school year. The district has established a Reopening Task Force Committee to help develop all components of the plan. Our plan was driven by the document we received from the New Jersey Department of Education titled The Road Back, a Restart and Recovery plan for Education from the NJDOE. We had several subcommittees that worked on areas of the plan such as Attendance Procedures, Special Education and English Language Learners, Pre-K, Elementary, Middle and Special Area Teams, Lunch and Recess, Safety and Drills, Buildings and Grounds, and Health and Wellness. Members of these committees included the Administration team, CEA president, teachers, school counselors, school nurse para-professionals, Carlstadt Municipality Officials, parents, Board of Education members, and community members. These individuals in these groups are a testament to the quality and commitment of our school community. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication to helping us create a comprehensive reopening plan.

The most important information outlined in the guidance from the NJDOE regarding the reopening of schools in the fall are as follows:

- Districts need to be mindful of the number of students in any one space.
- All students will be required to wear a PPE face covering when social distancing is not possible.
- Districts must provide an all virtual learning environment for students whose parents do not select to attend the hybrid education program.
- We must be flexible and prepared to change course at any time.

Attached you will find the plan we submitted to the NJDOE as well as a Virtual Learning Guide for Carlstadt Public School. We encourage you to read these documents carefully so your child is prepared for school opening in September 2020. This week, you will also receive your child's cohort assignment as well as class list. These assignments were carefully selected and because we need to keep class size to 50% capacity, we will not be able to change assignments unless your family has an extreme hardship. In the next week, you will receive a survey to select your child's educational plan for September being either a Hybrid learning environment or an all virtual classroom. However, your child may be afforded the opportunity to switch their educational program, pending administrative review.

The district's full plan should address many of the questions or concerns you may have had for this upcoming school year. Should you have any additional questions, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support during this difficult time. We appreciate your trust in the school district in order to provide the safest and most effective learning environment for your child given the circumstances.

Sincerely,
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