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# Operation: Reopening 101 Questions Answered

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#### **Transportation**

- 1. How are we going about cleaning the busses?
  - a. Busses will be cleaned on a <u>daily</u> and <u>monthly</u> basis according to an assigned seating schedule.
- 2. Was am/pm split schedules even a consideration?
  - a. It was, however it came with an economic impact.
- 3. Will there still be a bus pick up and drop off at Kiddie Academy of Delran?
  - a. Yes. Email a request to sjankows@delranschools.org
- 4. What will parent pick up at Millbridge look like?
  - a. The FastPass system will be utilized and spaces will be marked outside of the building to help families remain socially distant. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up and have their FastPass created in August. Any parent who anticipates needing to pick up their child more than three times is strongly encouraged to obtain a FastPass.
- 5. How many kids are allowed on the bus at a time?
  - a. 22, socially distanced children
- 6. Will the kids be safe on a bus?
  - a. Students will be socially distanced with masks on and hand sanitizer applied.
  - b. Windows and vents will be open.
- 7. How will busing work in the hybrid model?
  - a. Here is information regarding transportation.

#### Wellness

- 1. What symptoms should I be on the lookout for regarding my child's health?
  - a. NJDOE provides "Additional Considerations" for students and employees that may be asked to leave or not come into school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19, based on CDC guidance, that is not otherwise explained. These symptoms include:
    - i. A fever of 100° F or greater
    - ii. Cough
    - iii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - iv. Chills
    - v. Repeated shaking with chills
    - vi. Muscle pain
    - vii. Headache
    - viii. Sore throat
    - ix. New loss of taste or smell
    - x. Fatique
    - xi. Congestion or runny nose
    - xii. Nausea or vomiting
    - xiii. Diarrhea
- 2. How will these children be isolated at the nurse? What is the procedure for disinfecting the room after a possible positive person has been inside?



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- a. We are developing isolation protocols in each school and will advise further in a subsequent FAQ about wellness. *Parents are not to use medication to mask fever and send their children to school.*
- b. If a positive case were to occur in any room or office we will follow the guidance from the Department of Health regarding quarantine procedures and then follow with sanitizing/disinfection accordingly.
- 3. Will the students be given a school issued face mask as they enter the building or are they able to bring their own?
  - a. They are able to bring their own. Each school will also have PPE for those that need it.
- 4. COVID-19 Related Protocol Questions
  - a. I expect specific guidance on all COVID-19 health and wellness related items to come from the Burlington County Department of Health by August 7, 2020 and will advise in a separate FAQ file.
- 5. Are temperatures going to be taken every day every few hours?
  - a. Temperature will be taken at student arrival.
- 6. How will the district detect COVID cases? Is there going to be testing at the schools?
  - a. Temperature scans will take place daily.
- 7. Knowing children have had limited peer socialization for months on what is the plan for socialization vs academic learning?
  - a. The district will prioritize social emotional learning in the beginning of the school year as students transition back. This is a major focus during the year during Health and Physical Education classes.
- 8. How is it possible to be six feet apart in a classroom? What about students who need over the shoulder instructional assistance?
  - a. All parties will have masks on in this situation. The staff member will also have a face shield.
  - b. Desks and classroom furniture has been set up to ensure proper spacing is maintained in the classrooms.
- 9. Will teachers and paraprofessionals be tested for COVID on a regular basis?
  - a. The district will temperature screen but does not have plans for COVID testing.
- 10. Please clarify the use of masks.
  - a. Students and staff will wear face masks except for during lunch and defined mask breaks.
- 11. What if my child's teacher gets sick and cannot teach?
  - a. A substitute teacher will be assigned.
- 12. My daughter has asthma, if the numbers rise and her pulmonologist suggests full remote learning can we switch her from hybrid at that time?
  - a. Yes, pursuant to the orders from a medical health provider.

#### **Operations**

- 1. Do you have operational plans for each school?
  - a. Here are operational plans for each school

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- 2. Are the elementary school supply lists going to be adjusted for the hybrid or remote learning?
  - a. The supply lists that were posted by Millbridge and DIS in June were adjusted to account for social distancing and can be found on the school websites.
- 3. What is the school district's concurrent plan if schools are not able to be physically reopen as intended?
  - a. We will implement a 100% remote instruction model.
- 4. Will there be air conditioning in the classrooms?
  - a. Yes
- 5. How will indoor contamination be stopped without proper air ventilation from window unit air conditioners in Millbridge and Delran Middle School?
  - a. Classrooms with window unit air conditioners also have unit ventilators. Those unit ventilators run all day bringing in required fresh air exchanges.
- 6. How will the district make sure the oxygen levels are within OSHA Guidelines (20.8-21 percent) in a confined space when children and adults have masks on?
  - a. Classrooms are not considered a confined space. Confined spaces would be crawlspaces, small closets, etc. Specifically, rooms without proper ventilation.
- 7. What cleaning protocols will you follow?
  - a. We will follow the CDC Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting.
  - We plan to increase personnel in order to clean all touchpoints and common areas during the school days and evenings in addition to the amount of staff already assigned to Delran schools.
- 8. Do you have information regarding the cleaning products you use?
  - a. Here is information regarding cleaning products used.
- 9. Will all students K-12 really be required to clean their own desks upon entering class daily?
  - a. Yes, at the 6-12 level. Pre-K to Grade 5 will be cleaned and sanitized each evening.
- 10. How will you handle bathroom breaks throughout the district? How will you monitor the number of students in a bathroom?
  - a. Schools will develop procedures to ensure cleanliness and the maintenance of social distance.
- 11. Will the children still be participating in physical education classes with masks?
  - Staff and students will be required to wear masks unless involved in moderate to vigorous physical activity and when outside and able to be socially distant during the activity.
- 12. Why are the students not attending 2 days in a row followed by the deep cleaning for the next group of students?
  - a. Our cleaning protocols and practices are a daily occurrence, not relegated to one day of the week. From an academic perspective, splitting the week up was appealing from a planning and execution of instruction perspective.
- 13. What type of deep cleaning will be done?
  - a. "Deep cleaning" is done daily. Before their shift begins, custodians will make sure that all staff have the proper Personal Protective Equipment. When the crew begins their shift they will immediately begin to wipe down (with a paper towel) high touch surfaces with CDC approved disinfectant (ie: doors, door jambs, door knobs, panic hardware, light switches, faucets, water fountains etc.).

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- Custodians will pull trash from bathrooms, classrooms and corridors. They will then begin to dust, wipe down and disinfect glass, table tops, chairs, sinks, faucets, pencil sharpeners, etc.
- c. Floors will be dust mopped, mopped and/or vacuumed as required. Note: Floors will be mopped with disinfectant. All rooms will be locked at the end of the night.
- 14. How are you going to keep children's masks on all day during school?
  - a. Practice and repetition. Training at home will assist as will mask breaks during the day.
- 15. Will students have any time during the day to take a break from their masks in a safe way?
  - a. Institution of "mask breaks" will be facilitated by staff while ensuring social distancing.
- 16. What about recess? How will recess continue?
  - a. Here is information about recess.
- 17. Where will students go once they have entered the building? Will they still congregate in the cafeteria, as was past practice or go straight to their classrooms?
  - a. Children will report to their classrooms at the Pre-K to Grade 5 level through an adult. At the 6-12 level they will wait in a large common area, socially distanced, prior to direction to move further.
- 18. How will lunch time work?
  - a. DHS/DMS: socially distanced lunches in the cafeteria and gymnasium.
  - b. DIS/MB: socially distranced lunches in classrooms
  - c. Here is information about food services

#### **Student Scheduling**

- 1. How will holidays and the days school is closed impact the schedule?
  - a. We have balanced the schedule. <u>Here is an equitable distribution of days in calendar</u> format.
- 2. Will the MS & HS students be exposed to different students in every class on their schedule? Or will an attempt be made to group the students?
  - a. Establishing a cohort of students in a middle school and high school schedule is extremely difficult and, as a result, students in grades 6-12 will be exposed to more students than elementary students.
- 3. When will the modified school schedule be revisited? If the number of cases in NJ continue to decline and more places start opening, is there a plan as to when the kids' time in school can be revisited/expanded?
  - a. Yes.
- 4. How do we ensure that we get the hybrid schedule that works best for our work schedule and our family?
  - a. Communicate needs with your child's Principal by August 4.
- 5. I have a child in another school district. Will Delran be flexible in the grouping of my Delran student so that they are attending school on the same days as my other child?
  - a. Communicate needs with your child's Principal.
- 6. If I have children in Millbridge and Delran Intermediate School, will they be in the same group so they follow the same schedule?
  - a. Siblings and children living in the same household OR All children residing in the same address will be on the same schedule.



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- 7. If we choose hybrid learning, will we be able to choose which team we are on?
  - a. No.
- 8. What if I voted for the hybrid form of learning and I have a medical condition and the school is not able to properly distance the kids or the kids don't wear masks? Will you change to virtual learning?
  - a. Yes, pursuant to orders from a medical professional.

#### **Academics-Hybrid**

- 1. How will gym be handled?
  - a. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and sneakers when in school for physical education classes. Locker rooms will be closed. Physical education classes will be held outside when possible. At the elementary level, physical education classes will be conducted inside the classroom when classes can't be held outdoors.
- 2. For the Hybrid option how will the sessions be divided? Freshman/Sophomore and Junior/Senior or divide each grade in half, and if so is this by alphabet?
  - a. Students will be placed into groups by the building administration based on course selections, programming needs and class list distributions to minimize the number of students in a room at any given time. Please contact your child's principal to discuss any special scheduling considerations that are needed.
- 3. If kids go in 2 days a week will it be the whole school or just 50% at a time?
  - a. Yes. 50% of the school will report each day.
- 4. Will the middle school continue to have teams A and B?
  - a. Yes.

## 2020-2021: Hybrid Schedule Framework

### Team Delaware

Monday: In person @ school

Tuesday: Remote asynchronous

Wednesday: Remote w/live check-in

Thursday: In person @ school

Friday: Remote asynchronous

#### Team Rancocas

Monday: Remote asynchronous

Tuesday: In person @ school

Wednesday: Remote w/live check-in

Thursday: Remote asynchronous

Friday: In person @ school





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#### Individual School Hybrid Schedule Frameworks

**Millbridge** 

**Delran Intermediate School** 

Delran Middle School and Delran High School

#### **Academics-Remote**

#### <u>Delran Township Public Schools Procedures for Remote Instruction</u>

On July 24, 2020 the New Jersey Department of Education offered guidance for a full time remote option. You can find that document HERE.

Below is information regarding the full remote framework. Please keep in mind that our plans are contingent upon student enrollment and our ability to allocate personnel to the remote option.

In order to define terms, "asynchronous" means that the instruction is not live and "synchronous" means that it is live.

#### Millbridge 100% Remote Schedule Information

All students will receive three identical days of asynchronous instruction regardless of which model is selected. On these days, there will be an optional synchronous morning meeting, which allows students to connect with their teachers and peers. Students will not be penalized if they are unable to attend. There will be a check-in procedure for attendance purposes on all remote days.

On the two other days each week, to the greatest extent possible, we will be mirroring the instruction that is being delivered in person to students on a hybrid schedule in a remote format.

Videos will be provided in all content areas for these remote days that can be completed at the time that works best for each family. Assignments in mathematics, writing and Fundations are completed each day, as the lessons for subsequent days will almost always build on the prior day's activities. Recognizing that families may need to complete work during hours outside of the school day, assignments in all other subjects will have flexible due dates.

Students will be required to be on the computer at a specific time to receive small group or 1:1 instruction in reading and writing. Teachers will be developing the scheduled times for these virtual meetings in conjunction with their parents and will be able to offer some flexibility within the school day. From our experience in the spring, these areas were the most challenging to support and we feel this is an extremely important component of the distance learning experience.

Teachers who are facilitating the 100% remote program will also hold virtual office hours and will be available to provide assistance in math, science, social studies and Fundations as needed.



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Special area classes will be a combination of live and video based instruction. Since these teachers will be delivering instruction both in person and remotely, specific times are being established for each class. Children who are not able to attend the live instruction will be provided with the information they need to compensate for the missed instruction.

Additional live virtual services will also be planned for students receiving additional services such as basic skills, remedial reading, special education or English as a Second Language.

### Millbridge 100% Remote Schedule Framework

#### Delran Intermediate School

The schedule for remote instruction will mirror the hybrid online learning timeframe. There will be 2 designated groups: Delaware (Monday/Thursday) & Rancocas (Tuesday/Friday).

On Monday & Thursday, the Delaware 100% remote schedule will consist of synchronous morning meetings and reading, writing and math mini-lessons. Students will transition to rotating small group instruction. Asynchronous lessons will be provided for Science, Social Studies, Word Study and Special Area classes to be completed independently. On Tuesday & Friday, the Delaware 100% remote schedule will consist of a synchronous morning meeting, followed by asynchronous lessons in all content areas.

On Tuesday & Friday, the Rancocas 100% remote schedule will consist of synchronous morning meetings and reading, writing and math mini-lessons. Students will transition to rotating small group instruction. Asynchronous lessons will be provided for Science, Social Studies, Word Study and Special Area classes to be completed independently. On Monday & Thursday, the Rancocas 100% schedule will consist of a synchronous morning meeting, followed by asynchronous lessons in all content areas.

On Wednesday, there will be an abbreviated schedule consisting of a synchronous morning meeting, read aloud and discussion, followed by office hours specific to Reading, Writing and Math. Students are expected to be logged in by 9:00 for Morning Meeting. Daily attendance will be taken. During office hours, teachers will be available to assist or provide guidance on lessons. Also during this time, teachers may offer targeted small group instruction as warranted where students will be expected to be available during these office hours.

#### Delran Intermediate School Sample Schedule 100% Remote

#### Delran Middle School

Students who choose the 100% Remote Option will follow the same schedule as those in the Hybrid Option. Both options will have 2 in-person days, 2 remote days, and 1 check-in Wednesday with remote lessons. This allows the existing faculty to teach both in-person and remote students during the same school day. There may be some classes where this is not possible and those classes will be held after school hours for 100% remote students.

All classes, assignments, and Google Meets will be accessible via Canvas, our new student learning system. The Delaware group will attend live/synchronous Google Meets Mondays and Thursdays and remote/asynchronous learning Tuesdays and Fridays. The Rancocas group will attend live/synchronous



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Google Meets Tuesdays and Fridays and remote/asynchronous learning Mondays and Thursdays.

On Wednesdays, all remote students will attend live check-ins following an abbreviated bell schedule, lasting approximately 90 minutes. On live/synchronous days, remote students will follow the normal DMS bell schedule along with the hybrid DMS students. On the remote/asynchronous days, remote students will be given assignments via Canvas and will complete them throughout the school day.

Students are expected to be online from 7:30 am through 2:15 pm on live/synchronous days, which is two days per week. Students will have a lunch period scheduled as if they were in school. All major subject areas will have synchronous learning. These subjects include Math, Reading, Writing, Science, & Social Studies.

Vocational Cycles and Physical Education Cycles will be asynchronous with teachers pushing out lessons and/or presentations via Canvas. Homework will be assigned in addition to the work completed during the school day.

#### Delran High School

Students who choose the 100% Remote Option will follow the same schedule as those in the Hybrid Option. Both options will have 2 in-person days, 2 remote days, and 1 check-in Wednesday with remote lessons. This allows the existing faculty to teach both in-person and remote students during the same school day. There may be some classes where this is not possible and those classes will be held after school hours for 100% remote students.

All classes, assignments, and Google Meets will be accessible via Canvas, our new student learning system. The Delaware group will attend live/synchronous Google Meets Mondays and Thursdays and remote/asynchronous learning Tuesdays and Fridays. The Rancocas group will attend live/synchronous Google Meets Tuesdays and Fridays and remote/asynchronous learning Mondays and Thursdays.

On Wednesdays, all students will attend live check-ins following an abbreviated bell schedule, lasting approximately 90 minutes. On live/synchronous days, remote students will follow the normal DHS bell schedule along with the hybrid DHS students. On the remote/asynchronous days, remote students will be given assignments via Canvas and will complete them throughout the school day.

Students are expected to be online from 7:30 am through 2:15 pm on live/synchronous days, which is two days per week. Students will have a lunch period scheduled as if they were in school. All subject areas will have synchronous learning during school hours if possible. Some courses may need to be taught after 2:30 depending upon teacher availability.

#### Delran Middle School and Delran High School 100% Remote Schedule

1. If my child has difficulty with the online school will a teacher be available to help?



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- a. Yes, communication and support are critical given the reality that support may not be immediate due to hosting multiple instructional programs simultaneously. The Pre K to Grade 5 schools and the Grade 6-Grade 12 schools will develop common structures and will communicate those outward.
- 2. Will live "in person" attendance be required on remote days?
  - a. Yes, daily digital attendance will be taken.
- 3. How will the district ensure that the remote-only students' academic program is as rigorous as what the hybrid students experience?
  - a. The district will be using the Canvas Learning Management System to house rigorous content and activities for students K-12. Remote teachers will collaborate with in-person teachers facilitated by district K-12 supervisors to ensure pacing, instructional activities, and assessments are similar in nature.
- 4. Who will teach our children remotely?
  - a. Delran Township Public Schools certified staff members.
- 5. If we choose 100% remote, how much parents involvement will be needed?
  - a. Parent involvement is always a best practice to your child's success. Contact your child's principal with specific questions.
- 6. Was the questionnaire the commitment to 100% remote?
  - a. The District is required to develop multiple platforms for student schedules. While we understand certain elements, like medical considerations, are fluid, it is imperative that you maintain communication with your child's principal regarding your child's program. We need to execute our plans for September at this point.
- 7. Will there be teachers solely dedicated to remote students?
  - a. Yet to be determined.
- 8. Will there be flexible learning times during remote learning?
  - a. Your child will be in a structured environment while on a remote model but there is flexibility embedded within.
- 9. Is there a log in time for online learning?
  - a. Yes.
    - i. Millbridge: Per teacher discretion
    - ii. Delran Intermediate School: 9:00am
    - iii. Delran Middle School: 7:30am
    - iv. Delran High School: 7:30am
- 10. For 100% remote learning, will the kids need to be active on their assignments at a certain time of day?
  - a. Yes.
- 11. Will there be an option for parents who do not want to send their child back to school to prevent risks?
  - a. Yes, you can choose the 100% remote option.

#### **Specialized Programs**

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- 1. For students that receive special services (like OT and Speech), will they be offered on the days that my child is not assigned to attend school or on Wednesdays?
  - a. Related Services will be offered online and in-person, depending on schedules. Related service staff members are pushing into the classrooms to provide services as much as possible to keep students safe. On Wednesdays, related services will be provided online.
- 2. My son is being tested for dyslexia, how will he get the proper help and learning services he needs if we open with remote completely?
  - a. Depending on the services that are identified from the testing and based on academic impact for your child, online services will through live video with additional activities to follow to support your child's disability. Progress monitoring will be offered to show growth and areas of weakness to target.
- 3. What will the schedule mean for children with IEPs? And children who receive reading services?
  - a. Services will be provided in person and online for reading services, as it relates to the students IEP. All IEP goals will be followed and noted during progress reporting.
- 4. Can students who receive related services opt to have these "online" on their at-home days rather than in person? It seems inadvisable to have my child exposed to multiple additional people, when remote therapy has been working okay. Besides, it will be hard to have speech when you're wearing as mask.
  - a. Yes. You may opt to have related services during your remote days at home.
- 5. If we choose remote learning will my sons IEP service's be effected?
  - a. No, your child's IEP will not be affected. Your child's IEP will be followed and all goals on the IEP will be monitored for progress.
- 6. What is the plan for Pre-K students?
  - a. Preschool students will attend two-hour in person sessions and receive a half-hour remote activity on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesdays, they will be on remote learning. Preschool students will have to practice social distancing, proper sanitization procedures will be followed and they will be in small groups for learning. The change in scheduled times provides the extra time needed to disinfect all toys, learning centers, car seats and busses used to transport our preschool students. Snack will not be held during the two-hour in-person program.
- 7. Why don't students in pull out resource class have the option to go all days?
  - a. Only students that have a self-contained setting listed on their IEP will be offered the four-day, in-person schedule. Students with pull out resources on their IEP will still receive all their services on their IEP, with a blend of in-person and online support.
- 8. Will speech and other type of therapies be offered to the kids?
  - a. Yes. All related Services will be offered online and in-person, depending on schedules. Related service staff members are pushing into the classrooms to provide services as much as possible to keep students safe. On Wednesdays, related services will be provided online.
- 9. If one of my children gets pulled out for extra resources due to IEP, how will that work?
  - a. Pull-out services will be offered online and in-person. Teachers and staff members are pushing into the classrooms to provide services in a small group, as much as possible, to keep students safe. All areas of the students IEP will be followed. If students have to be pulled out for services, all safety protocols will be followed.



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- 10. If my child has an IEP how will online learning meet his needs?
  - a. Services will be provided online through live videos and all areas of your child's IEP will be followed. Teachers and staff members will note progress or areas of need during progress reporting time.
- 11. Will there be training for parents of special needs / IEP children?
  - a. Yes, The Delran Special Education Advisory Committee meets four times a year. Please visit our district website for more information. The first meeting of the year takes place in October. Additionally, if you need support at home or have any questions, please contact your child's case manager.

#### Childcare

- 1. Is there a plan for kids who need to go to before and after school care?
  - a. We are working with vendors in Delran to market for specific programs in their facilities for District children.
    - The YMCA will be able to service approximately 50-75 students by providing a digital learning laboratory in order to complete school work and for child care at its Mount Laurel facility. More information forthcoming the week of August 3.
    - ii. The District is examining other larger spaces in the Township to provide similar services. More information forthcoming as it becomes available.
    - iii. Other childcare facilities in Delran include: Red Balloon, Kiddie Academy, Lightbridge Academy and the Goddard School (to name a few).

#### **Technology**

- 1. I would like to know if a parent chooses remote learning only how will we be notified when to pick up the Chromebook?
  - a. We are working through multiple considerations but hope to have you notified via email with particulars.
- 2. Are students required to partake in the 1:1 Chrome initiative (our student has his own reliable Mac Book)?
  - a. Yes, students must use a district provided computer for security and WiFi purposes at school; however, they may not have full access to Google Suite unless on a District device.
- 3. Are you providing computers for students that don't have one?
  - a. Even though the district put in an order almost two months ago, the computers will not come in until early November due to the high demand for computers. If you need a computer, please contact your child's principal.
- 4. Can you describe what a Learning Management System is?
  - A learning management system is software that allows a district to create a comprehensive digital learning environment for students, teachers, and parents. Students will be able to communicate within Canvas with their teachers, keep track of assignments



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with a calendar and a To-Do List, complete assignments, take assessments, and participate in live Google Meets within the Canvas system. Parents will also be able to communicate with teachers through the Canvas App.

#### **Student Support**

- 1. What supports are in place for fully online instruction if we prefer that option for our child?
  - a. Parents and students will be able to communicate with their teacher(s) through the new Canvas Learning Management System.
  - b. Parents will be able to communicate with technology staff if they need support with troubleshooting during online instruction.
  - c. Opportunities for synchronous learning, office hours, or small group instruction will be provided for fully online instruction.
- 2. How will this affect seniors? Will they still be going on college visits? SAT prep? How do they improve their resumes without after school clubs?
  - a. We believe the entire district is in the same situation but recognize the particular stress on parents of seniors. Please communicate with your child's school counselor at the high school to learn more about how colleges and universities have waived certain requirements for acceptance.
- 3. My daughter is a senior and is applying to colleges. Will she be able to communicate and meet with her guidance counselor?
  - a. Yes. Either in person or virtually, as appropriate.
- 4. Will there be consistent communication between teachers and students?
  - a. Yes. All teachers will be given guidelines regarding communication protocols and practices that best engage students and families.
- 5. We are hearing that High School Seniors will only be offered their graduation requirements because of space limitations. Is this true?
  - a. No

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 1. Why are we not utilizing the high and middle school space for the elementary students to space out and have the older kids do the hybrid model?
  - a. Modifying locations would not create an increase in opportunities and would require additional personnel.
- 2. Since there will be limited extra curricular activities will tax will be reduced or salaries of teachers? If not, how will this money be redistributed in the school district?
  - a. If extracurricular activities do not run those funds will be redistributed within the framework of the district budget to cover unanticipated expenses related to COVID-19

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- 3. Will attempts and consideration be made to continue the traditional evening events at the High School as in person (banquets, ceremonies, inductions, etc.) instead of having these only virtual? Or will they be postponed until Spring instead of just canceled?
  - a. We will continue to monitor the situation in consultation with the Department of Health.
- 4. Why was there not an option to return to school full time?
  - a. We were directed to create an in person program that allowed for social distancing. This made coming back with 100% of the student body an impossibility.
- 5. How will attendance be taken? Do zeros for an assignments still count as an absence?
  - a. Students will be required to log on every day while on remote instruction.
- 6. Will there be in person open houses?
  - a. Open houses will be virtual or pre-recorded with constant re-evaluation throughout the vear.
- 7. My child is in all accelerated core classes this school year. If I decide to do all remote learning, will this be an issue?
  - a. No
- 8. If people have this much concern, worry, and confusion, then why are you even opening schools? Why not make it 100% online?
  - a. School districts are required to provide an in person option for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 9. Will the school band be allowed to operate in September?
  - a. No clubs or student activities are taking place.
  - b. There are currently plans in place to continue Instrumental Music instruction in grades 4-12. More information will become available as school schedules are further defined.
- 10. Will the recent survey regarding the 100% option in any way impact the opportunity to have the hybrid option if we feel that is in the best interest of our child? Both options are essential.
  - a. No, it will not impact your ability. However, according to the NJDOE, the District has to establish timelines in which to change models. Moving from model to model will take place at the beginning of each marking period (6-12) or trimester (K-5).
  - b. Your child may have a different teacher throughout the school year dependent on student movement between models and staffing needs.
- 11. Will there be any childcare support or compensation?
  - a. Not from the District
- 12. Will the plans follow a full day schedule or a half day schedule?
  - a. Full day schedule, except for Wednesday which is entirely remote.
- 13. Are 100% remote students still eligible for sports and school activities?
  - a. At this point school activities are not running as they traditionally do. A decision regarding athletics has not been made.
- 14. While working through the remote option, will we have the ability to use the weekends to complete some assignments? Working parents may run into some difficulties getting everything done daily?
  - a. For Millbridge, we will be using extended due dates to provide flexibility in some subjects. Assignments in mathematics, writing and Fundations should be completed each day, as the lessons for subsequent days will almost always build on the prior day's activities.
  - b. For DIS, we are able to provide flexibility in all subjects except math, reading and writing.

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- c. For DMS, the expectation of our remote plan is to follow a schedule that mirrors a normal school day routine. Synchronous remote classes will meet live with the normal bell schedule of DMS, during Delaware/Rancocas in-person days. Assignments will be distributed daily and will need to be completed for homework that evening or according to the teacher's due date. On remote learning days, including Wednesdays, asynchronous assignments will be assigned to be completed that day or according to each teacher's due dates.
- d. For DHS, the expectation of our remote plan is to follow a schedule that mirrors a normal school day routine. Synchronous remote classes will meet live with the normal bell schedule of DHS, during Delaware/Rancocas in-person days. Assignments will be distributed daily and will need to be completed for homework that evening or according to the teacher's due date. On remote learning days, including Wednesdays, asynchronous assignments will be assigned to be completed that day or according to each teacher's due dates.
- 15. Will school hours remain the same as it was last year?
  - a. DHS: 7:30am 2:15pm
  - b. DMS: 7:30am 2:15pm
  - c. DIS: 8:10am 2:50pm
  - d. Millbridge: 9:00am 3:35pm
  - e. Millbridge Preschool: (AM session) 9:30am-11:30am, (PM session) 12:45pm-2:45pm
- 16. How are you going to get subs when a teacher contracts COVID-19?
  - a. We have contracted with substitute teachers. However, we are expecting a shortage.
- 17. Will lunches still be available for 100% remote learning for the students who get free lunches?
  - a. Yes. More information forthcoming regarding food distribution.
- 18. Why did you choose M/Th and T/F instead of M/T and Th/F? Back to back days with the same children seems safer for the students.
  - a. Our experience was that it would increase student engagement by spreading the in school days out rather than have them consecutive.
- 19. In regards to a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/ Friday, can we pick the two day combination that would work best for our family's schedule?
  - a. Your child will be provided the following schedule that is either
    - i. Monday/Thursday or
    - ii. Tuesday/Friday or
    - iii. 100% remote
- 20. Is the proposed plan anticipated to be in place for the entire year?
  - a. The plan is going to be in place until further notice and/or direction from the state government.