



August 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Wyckoff School District remains fully committed to our plan for students to return to schools in-person this September, with a remote learning option for families who choose this. This letter is to notify you of several important updates:

1. Delayed Start Date for In-Person Instruction

In order to ensure that our schools reopen safely and are prepared to accommodate students' needs, due to the factors listed below, we are **pushing out the start date of our in-person instruction at all schools for 10 days, to begin Thursday, September 24, 2020.** The reasons for the delay of in-person instruction are two-fold: a delay in construction projects at the elementary schools and tight delivery timelines for supplies and equipment. Due to high demand during the pandemic, the expected delivery dates for our desks and PPE supplies fall in the first two weeks of September. We will need to allow time for assembly, installation, and distribution to classrooms and isolation rooms. In addition, our renovation projects at two of our elementary schools are delayed due to unexpected construction issues. Both projects are expected to be completed in early September. We need to make sure that we have what we need and are ready to serve our students and provide the best possible educational experience and safest environment for our students.

2. Minimum Days for In-Person Instruction

We are **modifying the in-person middle school schedule to a minimum-day schedule rather than a full-day schedule** for Phase 1 of our reopening (September 24th through Oct 23rd). This decision was made based on two factors: collective feedback from parents and staff expressing concern regarding the risks associated with large gatherings of students despite measures taken to mitigate such risk by moving dining outdoors and a series of logistical issues that arose when planning for in-person dining. In lieu of full-day in-person learning at the middle school, students whose families select the in-person hybrid model will attend school for a minimum day and will attend virtual classes in the afternoon from home.

The Eisenhower school day will begin at 8:00 am for homeroom and run until 12:46 pm. At that time students will go home and break for lunch. Students will then attend afternoon virtual classes from home between the times of 2:00 pm and 2:51 pm. This schedule will be the same for students who choose both in-person and all virtual instruction.

3. **Extended Deadline for Selection of Model**

We recognize that the changes listed above may impact parents' choices regarding their children's return-to-school format (in-person option vs. 100% remote option). As a result, we are **extending the deadline for the [Wyckoff Reopening Survey until the end of day Sunday, August 30th](#)**. If you have already submitted your response to the survey and wish to change your selection in light of the new information presented above, please contact your building principal by the deadline listed above.

4. **Remote Learning Schedules**

After collective reflection about the remote learning model provided from March through June, the remote learning model for September 2020 will include more live instruction/student-teacher engagement and closely resemble a traditional, full school day.

Daily Elementary Schedule for Remote Learning*

8:50 – 9:10 - Virtual Attendance, Morning Meeting

9:10 – 9:55 - ELA (Writing)

9:55 – 10:40 - ELA (Reading)

10:40 – 11:25 - Mathematics

11:25 – 12:10 - Flex Time (i.e. snack, break, related services, independent work, small group instruction)

12:10 – 12:55 - Science/Social Studies

12:55 – 1:50 - Student Lunch Break

1:50 – 3:20 - Afternoon Virtual Blocks (i.e. small group instruction, independent work, specials)

**Please note that specific class order will change by class/grade level. Also, those students who have selected the fully remote option will begin the first day of school with their remote teacher(s) and schedule.*

Daily Middle School Schedule for Remote Learning

8:00 – 12:46 - Core and Cycles

12:46 – 2:00 - Student Lunch Break

2:00 – 2:51 - Core and Cycles

5. **HVAC Information.**

Several questions have come in from families regarding the HVAC systems in the schools. For your information, we are sharing [a letter from KSI Consulting Engineers, LLC](#) regarding the filters used in the HVAC systems throughout the Wyckoff School District.

I would like to thank you for your continued understanding and patience during this unique and challenging time. Along with the questions we have received in response to our Reopening Plan, we have received countless emails from parents expressing their gratitude and support for the administration and staff of the Wyckoff School District who are working tirelessly to prepare for the safe return of our students. This tremendous response of support from our parents and community is testament to the caliber and character of the people of Wyckoff and reminds us that despite the current challenges we are facing as a community, we are committed to standing together to serve, protect and provide the best possible education for our most precious resource - our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry L. Postma". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kerry L., Postma, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools