



## Wyckoff Schools Weekly

July 24, 2020

Dear Wyckoff School District Community,

I hope this weekly update finds each of you well. The summer staff here at the Wyckoff School District have been hard at work preparing for the return of students in September. Health and safety protocols outlined in “The Road Back” plan are currently being developed for each of the schools, and necessary items are being ordered in the areas of health screenings, cleaning and sanitizing, face coverings, use of physical barriers, installation of hand sanitizer stations, etc. Also, we have developed a reopening schedule for the fall, outlined below, which was designed based on the survey feedback we collected from families and staff, the various logistical analyses of our District’s facilities, enrollment, and operations, and the guidelines outlined in the [New Jersey Department of Education’s \(NJDOE\) “The Road Back”](#) school reopening plan.

- **Start Date.** The start date for all students in Grades Pre-K through 8, across all schools, will be **Thursday, September 10th**. This is two days later than originally planned allowing extra time for staff preparation to meet the health and safety guidelines outlined in the NJDOE’s [“The Road Back”](#) plan.
- **Checkpoint Date.** The schedule outlined below will run from September 10th through October 23rd. We will review the conditions and current NJDOE guidelines at the October 23rd checkpoint and determine if we can return to a regular school schedule.



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- **Schedule for Grades K to 5.** The elementary schools will run daily\* for all students as a minimum day beginning at 8:50am and dismissing at 1:05pm. Start and end times may be slightly staggered to reduce crowding at entrances and exits. This school schedule, which excludes lunch, allows staff to fully utilize all spaces in the school building for instruction, thereby helping with social distancing. Parents may register with the Wyckoff YMCA for fee-based onsite aftercare beginning at 1:05pm and extending as late as 6:00pm. (The Wyckoff YMCA will be updating registration details for both before-care and after-care on their website <https://wyckoffymca.org/>.)
  - Parents may also exercise the option to have their child receive 100% virtual instruction at home which will be provided live by a certified teacher via online learning platforms.
  - **\*Please note:** For the two opening days of school, Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the elementary schools will operate at 50% capacity to allow for practicing of health and safety protocols with our young students. Parents will be notified at a later date which group will attend school on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and which group will attend on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Full capacity operations will begin on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

- **Schedule for Preschool:** The morning session will run daily from 8:50am - 10:25am and the afternoon session will run daily from 11:25am - 1:00pm.
- **Schedule for Grades 6 to 8.** Eisenhower Middle School will be open for full days\*\* at 50% capacity beginning at 8:00am and dismissing at 2:51pm. Students will be assigned to Group A or Group B, with each group reporting to school for two full consecutive days, and tuning in to live instruction from home for the next two full days, then repeating the pattern. This school schedule, which includes lunch, allows staff to fully utilize all classroom spaces in the school building for instruction, thereby helping with social distancing. Onsite lessons will be live streamed so students at home are tuning in to the lesson that their onsite peers are receiving at school at the same time.
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  - Example of schedule rotation: Student A reports to EMS on Monday and Tuesday, then tunes into classes from home on Wednesday and Thursday, then reports to school Friday and Monday, etc.
  - **\*\*Please note:** The opening days of school from Thursday, September 10th through Friday, September 18th will be minimum days for EMS students with dismissal at 12:46pm.

Parents, please complete the [survey linked here](#) by the end of day Wednesday, August 5th indicating your plans for the fall so the district can plan accordingly.

**If you have questions about the reopening schedule or plan, please send an email to our newly created email account: [reopening@wyckoffschoools.org](mailto:reopening@wyckoffschoools.org). We will respond to these questions and use them to create an FAQ for future distribution.**

A special public Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, July 27th at 6:30pm to review the District's initial reopening plan. Instructions for accessing the meeting will be posted on the District website at [wyckoffps.org](http://wyckoffps.org).

A special thanks to the Return to Wyckoff Schools Committee for your input and hard work. Members of this committee will continue working on the necessary details of the District's reopening plan in the coming weeks. We will continue to provide weekly updates as the specific details of the reopening plan emerge.

I wish you and your families an enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools