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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the course of the past few weeks our district has spent time reevaluating our situation with regard to reopening schools. As you know, my August 21 letter had informed the community we would begin the school year fully virtual with only self-contained special education students attending in-person. The reevaluation has led us to the conclusion that we can begin to phase in students for hybrid in-person instruction. Beginning on **Monday, September 14, we will bring back students in kindergarten and grade one for in-person learning according to the hybrid schedule.**

Below are some important reminders:

- We will be utilizing our hybrid schedule for A and B days, all Wednesdays are fully virtual until further notice.
- The district will operate on 1:00 early dismissal schedule for kindergarten and grade one. No lunch will be served, please ensure your child eats breakfast and provide your child a snack.
- Parents who opted for your children to be fully virtual regardless of our reopening plans will remain fully virtual. If you wish to make a change, please contact your principal.
- Transportation will be provided to those families who previously selected to receive school transportation. The routes will be available in *Genesis*.
- Parents must log into *Genesis* each morning to fill out the COVID-19 Daily Pre-Screening symptoms assurance form. The *Genesis* announcement will come to you prior to September 14.
- All students are required to wear a mask. New guidance from the Hunterdon County Health Department has informed us that neck gaiters, bandanas, and masks with vents are unacceptable face coverings. Please refer to your school's Virtual Backpack page for more information.
- Students who are eligible for ESL services will be attending 4 days per week as previously scheduled. A reminder letter to eligible students will be sent from the Pupil Services Office.

We believe this slow, phased approach will accomplish the goals of allowing students to return for in-person learning while also securing additional staff. The district is currently examining each school building and grade level to identify creative solutions for our staffing needs. We are hopeful that we can continue to phase in students for in-person instruction as the fall continues.

In addition, we continue to need substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have 60 college credits, or know someone else who does, and you are interested in becoming a substitute please [click here](#) for a Google Form or contact Lisa DeTommaso at 908-534-2896.

We look forward to welcoming our students back for in-person learning using this approach. Our district will send out communications as our phases for in-person learning continue. We thank you for your patience and resilience as we navigate this ever-changing situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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