West Orange Public Schools 2020-2021



# REOPENING SCHOOLS

#### The Road Back Reopening Considerations

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## The Road Back Choosing the Best Pathway



## Competing Priorities & COVID



Utmost Priority Health and Safety of our Students and Staff our Families and Community

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## Reopening of Schools Irreconcilable Challenges to Date\*

- Health & Safety
- Personal Protective and Screening Equipment
- Facilities
- Human Resources
- Meals
- Technology
- Transportation
- Special Services
- Financial Implications





### Irreconcilable Challenges to Date Financial Implications

Approximately	Expenditures / Anticipated Costs
\$300,000	<ul> <li>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</li> <li>Sanitizers</li> <li>Sprayers</li> <li>Plexiglas Partitions</li> </ul>
\$20,400	• Thermal Scanners
\$104,000 per month	• 50 x 50 Tent Rentals
\$12,700	• Signage
\$818,000	<ul> <li>SmartSource (Outsourced IT) \$26,000</li> <li>2,800 Chromebooks (Grades 4-8) \$687,000</li> <li>Faculty Laptops (ESSER Grant) \$80,000</li> <li>Ear buds, Webcams \$25,000</li> </ul>
\$357,000	• Digital Divide Grant Application For Chromebooks (Grades 1-3)
\$9,830	Professional Development





The Road Back cannot be about the safest way to bring our students back...

...but instead about the safest way to educate our students.



- Facts
- Data
- Science
- Possible

## The Road Back Instructional Model 2020-2021



### The Road Back Pathway 1: Phased in Hybrid Model





## The Road Back Phased in Hybrid Model



- September 14th
- Virtual Instruction in the Fall for all students
- Prioritize in person experiences for **specific groups of students** in <u>some</u> capacity to inform instructional programming and prepare for effective virtual learning.

#### Phase 2 Hybrid Instruction

- On or about November 9th
- Hybrid Instructional Model
- In person instruction for **ALL students** in <u>some</u> capacity

### **FALL 2020**

### VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION FOR ALL STUDENTS







### Phase 1: Fall Virtual Preschool

Fall Virtual Schedule	Monday - Thursday Synchronous Instruction	Friday
9am - 12pm	Opening Group Morning Message Tools of the Mind Curriculum Individualized Instruction Music / Movement Closing Group	Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> Individual Student Conferencing Teacher Planning / PD
lpm - 3pm	Individual Student Conferencing Teacher Planning / PD	



## Phase 1: Fall Virtual Elementary K-5

Fall Virtual Schedule	Monday	/ Wednesday Synchronous		y / Thursday	Friday
9am-12pm	Social Emotional Learning Fundations (K-2) Reading / Writing (K-5) Movement Social Studies ESL		Health Fundations (K-2) Math K-5 Movement Science ESL		Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> ESL Tiered
lpm - 3pm	Related Arts	ESL Intervention Instrumental (4-5) Independent / HW	Related Arts	ESL Intervention Instrumental (4-5) Independent / HW	Intervention Conferencing Instrumental (4-5)

## FALL VIRTUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)



## Phase 1: Fall Virtual Middle School (Grade 6)

Fall Virtual Schedule	weanesaay	Tuesday / Thursday 1s Instruction	Friday	
Blocks 1, 5: 8:20 - 9:20 Blocks 2, 6: 9:25 - 10:25 Blocks 3, 7: 10:30 - 11:30 Blocks 4, 8: 11:35 - 12:30	Blocks 1-4	Blocks 5-7 Advisory SEL Character Ed Office Hours	Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> ESL Academic Support Office Hours Instrumental Teacher Planning / PD	
PM Schedule 1:30-2:53pm	Office Studen	dent / HW e Hours t Support lanning / PD		

## Phase 1: Fall Virtual Middle School (Grades 7-8)

Fall Virtual Schedule	Monday / Wednesday Synchronous	Tuesday / Thursday Instruction	Friday
Blocks 1, 4, 5: 8:20 - 9:20 Blocks 2, 6: 9:25 - 10:25 Blocks 3, 7: 10:30 - 11:30 Block 8, Advisory: 11:35 - 12:30	Grades 7&8 Blocks 1-3 <u>Advisory</u> SEL Character Ed Personal Finance	<u>Grade 7</u> Blocks 4,6,7 <u>Grade 8</u> Blocks 5-7	Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> Academic Support Office Hours
PM Schedule 1:30-2:53pm	Independe Office I Student S Teacher Pla	Hours Support	Instrumental Teacher Planning / PD

## FALL VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)



## Phase 1: Fall Virtual High School 9-12

Fall Virtual Schedule	Monday / Wednesday	Tuesday / Thursday	Friday	
Block 1, 5: 7:30-8:30 Block 2, 6: 8:40-9:40 Block 3, 7: 9:50-10:50 Block 4, 8: 11:00-12:00	Blocks 1-4	Blocks 5-8	Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> Academic Support Office Hours	
PM Schedule 1:00-2:15pm	Independent / HW Office Hours Student Support Teacher Planning / PD		Instrumental Teacher Planning / PD	

## FALL VIRTUAL SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS



## Phase 1: Fall Virtual District Self-Contained Autism, Intellectual and Behavioral Disabilities Classes

Department administration will be working with teachers of students with Autism, Intellectual and Behavioral Disabilities to outline a daily virtual structure that mirrors the district's virtual instruction model, to include:

- Individualized student needs
- Length of instructional time online
- Ability to work independently
- Paraprofessional supports
- Engaging students through virtual learning

## Phase 1: Fall Virtual 18-21 Program

Schedule	Content
Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 12pm	Social Skills Career Awareness Career Exploration Pre-Vocational Activities (TBD)
Friday	Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> Individual Student Conferencing

## Phase 1: Fall Virtual English as a Second Language

#### Considerations

- Supporting ELLs based on individual academic, linguistic, and social emotional strengths and needs.
- Online intervention programs to support ELL academic and English Language Development (iReady and FastForward)
- Additional Support for ELL families:
  - Partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care Services
  - Bilingual Family Resource Coordinator
  - Monthly ELL Family Academy to Support multilingual students and families



## FALL 2020 In Person Experiences

Prioritize in person experiences of **specific groups of students** in <u>some</u> capacity to inform instructional programming and prepare for effective virtual learning experiences.



Sample In Person Experiences

- Special Education
  - Evaluations
  - Considerations for Related Services
  - Parent support / Training



#### Sample In Person Experiences

- Kindergarten Orientation
  - Meeting students and families for the first time
  - Introduction to teachers, school, and virtual learning
  - Administer Kindergarten Screeners
  - Provide touch-screen chrome books and logins
  - Provide student and caregiver training



#### Sample In Person Experiences

- New Registrant Orientation
  - Meeting students and families for the first time
  - Introduction to teachers, school, and virtual learning
  - Program Determination
  - Administer Screeners / Assessments
  - Provide chrome books, logins and instructional materials
  - Provide student and caregiver training



- Basic Skills Students / Title I
  - Administer student assessments to determine instructional level and programming
    - English Language Learners
      - WIDA Assessments for ESL Placement
      - Parent Support / Training



### In accordance with NJSIAA and CDC Guidelines:

- Athletics
- Band
- Essential Co-Curricular Activities (TBD)



- Social Emotional Learning
- Crisis Counseling & Evaluation
- College & Career Planning
- Mentorship Programs
- Review of 504 Accommodations
- Service and Support Models
- Technology (Chrome book repair / Distribution)

### FALL 2020 Professional Development, Family Support and Training




- Provide professional development to teachers and staff
  - Health & Safety Protocols
  - Procedures for Contact Tracing
  - Social Emotional Supports
  - Instructional Strategies for Live Streaming
  - Curriculum Compacting
  - Student Supports
  - New Technology
  - Security Drills



Phase

Professional development for staff will be ongoing, beginning in September and throughout				
September 3rd	Full day Virtual PD for Teachers and Staff			
September 4th	½ day Virtual PD for Teachers and Staff			
September 8-11	Teacher Planning / Training / Classroom / Technology Setup			



- Provide Support and Training for Families
  - Health & Safety Protocols
  - Procedures for Contact Tracing
  - Support Strategies for Virtual Learning at Home
    - Special Education Students
    - English Language Learners
  - Social Emotional Supports
  - Instructional Material Distribution

### Preparing Students to Return











# FALL 2020 Assess Status of our District





- Heat, Ventilation & HVAC
- Staffing Patterns
- PPE Equipment & Order Status
  - Thermal Scanners
  - Face Coverings, Face Shields, Cleaning Supplies
- Technology
  - Chromebooks, Webcams, Air buds
- Student Count (when we move to Full-Time Hybrid Model)
- COVID Data & Impact of Reopening Schools Across NJ

# Question & Answer Fall Virtual Model



### **10 Minute Break**

# The Road Back Hybrid Instructional Model



**Phase** 

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All students in person in <u>some</u> capacity beginning on or about November 9th

# Hybrid Instructional Model HEALTH & SAFETY OF STAFF AND STUDENTS





A draft of the below listed protocols have been developed and are currently being reviewed by the district physician and nurses.

Upon completion, they will be submitted to the Board for approval, included in the district's Restart and Recovery Plan, and published on the district's website.

- Screening Procedures for Students and Staff
- Protocols for Symptomatic Students and Staff
- Protocols for Face Coverings
- Contact Tracing

A draft of the district developed protocols addressing the anticipated minimum standards, as required by the Restart and Recovery Plan for facilities and cleaning practices, will be submitted for Board approval and published on the district's website, as follows:

### Cleaning of all schools on a daily basis will take place, to include:

- Disinfecting daily of all touch surfaces
- Electrostatic applicators
- Use of machine that sprays a mist of disinfectant on all surfaces
- Use of BruTab disinfectant

### Facilities: Daily Cleaning Practices

- Entrances and exits
- Classroom: Mop-sweep, damp-mop or vacuum (as applicable), dust furniture, door handles and window ledges.
- Floor (hard surface): Mop-sweep and dry buff.
- Floor (carpeted): Dry vacuum.
- Clean windows, door glass, glass partitions.
- Return air vents: Brush, dry vacuum and wipe with all-purpose cleaner.
- Elevators: If applicable, clean floors, damp dust walls and panels.
- Rest rooms: Empty and clean waste receptacles, refill paper towel dispenser, refill toilet tissue dispenser, damp clean molding and sills, clean mirrors and glass, clean wash basins, clean urinals, clean commodes, clean flush handles and fixtures, clean tile wainscoting, refill sanitary napkin dispenser, refill soap dispenser, clean floor.
- Offices: Empty and clean waste baskets, dust desk, wipe telephone with disinfectant/cleaner, dust lamps and shades, dust file cabinets, dust tables, dust chairs and stools, sweep or vacuum floor.
- Corridors: Dust sweep or vacuum floors, damp dust window sills and ledges, damp dust any equipment such as fire extinguishers, etc., brush and dry vacuum all vents. Clean all fountains, etc.
- Stairwells: Damp dust guard and handrails, damp dust windowsills and ledges, damp-dust doorframes and handles, brush sweep stairs.
- Locker Rooms and Lounges: Damp dust furniture, damp dust lockers and equipment, clean toilets, clean appliances, clean shower stalls, clean floor.
- Custodian Closets: brushes, brooms, mops, etc., clean properly and re-hang. Clean mechanical equipment and slop sink. Restock supplies needed.

# 2020-2021 HYBRID INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL



### Phase 2 HYBRID



The Road Back

### Hybrid Instructional Model

All students in person in <u>some</u> capacity

Grade Span	In Person	Live Stream / Synchronous	Virtual /
			Asynchronous
	• 2 consecutive days per week	• 2 consecutive days per week	• Fridays
Flomontomy	• M, Tu / W, Th	• ELA, Social Studies	• Core content
Elementary	• 4 hour days	• Math, Science	• 2 days per week
(K-5)	• ELA, SocStud, Math, Science, SEL,	• 4 days per week	• Related Arts
	Health, PE	Related Arts	
	• 2 consecutive days		
Middle School	• M, Tu / W, Th alternating weeks		
	• 4 hour days		
(6-8)	Block schedule	• 4 days over 2 weeks	<ul><li>Fridays</li><li>Core Content</li></ul>
	• SEL advisory	Core content areas	
High School (9-12)	• 2 consecutive days	• Most related arts / electives	Related Arts / Electives
	• M, Tu / W, Th alternating weeks		Electives
	• 4 hour days		
	Block schedule		



Phase	Hybrid Instruc		
2	PRESC		
Hybrid Instruction	Schedule	Content	Friday
	8:45am - 12:30	)pm	
Full Day Program	<u>In Person Instruction</u> Cohort A: Monday, Tuesday Cohort B: Wednesday, Thursday <u>Virtual Instruction</u> • On non-cohort days	Opening Group Morning Message	Asynchronous Learning <u>Synchronous</u> Individual
AM /PM Program	<u>In Person Instruction</u> Cohort A: Monday Cohort B: Tuesday Cohort C: Wednesday Cohort D: Thursday <u>Virtual Instruction</u> • On non-cohort days	Tools of the Mind Curriculum Individualized Instruction Music / Movement Closing Group	Conferencing Teacher Planning / PD



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ຊ	<b>2</b> E			LEMENTARY	(K-5)	
Cohort A: In Person (M, Tu) Cohort B: In Person (W, Th)						In Person (W, Th)
Cohort A Example	Mo	Monday Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	In	In Person Instruction Homework / Independent Study		on Remote Live Instruction		In Person • Tier II / III • Related Services <u>Synchronous</u> • Tutorials
PM	I			Synchronous Instr • Related Arts • Music, Art, Li	r <u>uction</u> ibrary, Spanish	<ul> <li>Student Conferences</li> <li>Intervention</li> <li>Office Hours</li> <li>Instrumental (Gr 4/5)</li> </ul> <u>Asynchronous Learning</u> <u>Planning / PD Teachers</u>

Phase 2

### Hybrid Instructional Model

### **ELEMENTARY (K-5)**

COHORT A Example	Monday / Wednesday	Tuesday / Thursday		Friday
	In Person	Remote	Live Stream	
	Social Emotional Learning Fundations (K-2)		Iealth tions (K-2)	Asynchronous Learning
8:40am-1pm	Reading / Writing (K-5) Movement Social Studies ESL	Math K-5 Movement Science ESL		<u>Synchronous</u> Tiered Intervention
lpm - 3pm	Independent Assignments / Homework		ESL Intervention Instrumental (4-5) Independent / HW	Student Conferencing Instrumental (4-5)

Phase	Hybrid Instructional Model
2	<b>Elementary Special Education</b>
Pull-Out Reso	urce

EXPERIENCE	DESCRIPTION
In-Person	<ul> <li>Students in the Resource, Pull-Out Replacement class will be assigned a cohort. In-person instructional activities for English Language Arts and Mathematics will be provided by a Special Education teacher.</li> </ul>
Livestream	<ul> <li>Students attending in-person will remain in the classroom with their Special Education teacher, who will facilitate the students to participate in live stream direct instruction with a General Education teacher for Social Studies or Science.</li> <li>Following direct instruction, the Special Education teacher will facilitate follow-up reinforcement activities with the students in Social Studies and Science.</li> </ul>
Virtual	<ul> <li>Instructional activities will be provided via virtual means to students when they are not attending in-person.</li> </ul>

# Phase 2 Hybrid

# Hybrid Model MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)





### Hybrid Instructional Model

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)**

#### Middle School (6-8) Week 1

IN PERSON INSTRUCTION	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Homeroom: 8:10-8:20a Blocks 1,5: 8:20-9:20 Blocks 2,6: 9:25-10:25 Blocks 3,7:10:30-11:30 Blocks 4,Advisory 11:35-12:30p Periods 1,2,3 and Advisory meets on Day 1 Periods 4 or 5, 6, 7 and Advisory meets on Day 2	Cohort A: Day 1 Last Names A-D (LiveStream: Cohort B, C, D)	Cohort A: Day 2 Last Names A-D (LiveStream: Cohort B, C, D)	Cohort B: Day 1 Last Names E-K (LiveStream: Cohort A, C, D)	Cohort B: Day 2 Alphabet E-K (LiveStream: Cohort A, C, D)	ALL COHORTS On Site (Grade 6) - Academic Support Synchronous - Tutorials - Intervention - Office Hours - Instrumental Asynchronous Content Day 3	
In Person Cohort	One Cohort , ELL, SE me					
Virtual Cohorts	All cohorts not assigned to in person teacher instruction.					
1pm - 2:53pm	Independent / HW Of	dependent / HW Office Hours Student Support Teacher Planning / PD				



### Hybrid Instructional Model

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL (6-8)**

### Middle School (6-8) Week 2

IN PERSON INSTRUCTION	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Homeroom: 8:10-8:20a Blocks 1,5: 8:20-9:20 Blocks 2,6: 9:25-10:25 Blocks 3,7:10:30-11:30 Block 4, Advisory 11:35-12:30p Periods 1,2,3 and Advisory meets on Day 1 Periods 4 or 5, 6, 7 and Advisory meets on Day 2	Cohort C: Day 1 Last Names L-Q (LiveStream: Cohort A, B, D)	Cohort C: Day 2 Last Names L-Q (LiveStream: Cohort A, B, D)	Cohort D: Day 1 Last Names R-Z (LiveStream: Cohort A, B, C)	Cohort D: Day 2 Alphabet R-Z (LiveStream: Cohort A, B, C)	ALL COHORTS On Site (Grade 6) - Academic Support Synchronous - Tutorials - Intervention - Office Hours - Instrumental Asynchronous Content Day 3	
In Person Cohort	One Cohort , ELL, SE me					
Virtual Cohorts	All cohorts not assigned to in person teacher instruction.					
1pm - 2:53pm	Independent / HW Off	ndependent / HW Office Hours Student Support Teacher Planning / PD				

# Phase 2 Hybrid

# Hybrid Model HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)





### Hybrid Instructional Model

### HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

### High School 9-12 Week 1

IN PERSON INSTRUCTION	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Blocks 1,5: 7:30-8:30 Blocks 2,6: 8:40-9:40	Cohort A (Per 1-4)	Cohort A (Per 5-8)	Cohort B (Per 1-4)	Cohort B (Per 5-8)	ALL COHORTS		
Blocks 3,7: 9:50-10:50 Blocks 4,8: 11:00-12:00	Last Names A-D	Last Names A-D	Last Names E-K	Alphabet E-K	Asynchronous Learning		
	(LiveStream: Cohort B, C, D)	(LiveStream: Cohort B, C, D)	(LiveStream: Cohort A, C, D)	(LiveStream: Cohort A, C, D)	Synchronous		
In Person Cohort	One Cohort 2, ELL, SE meet in person for two consecutive days alternating weeks / 4 hour day Academic Suppo				Academic Support Office Hours		
Virtual Cohorts	All cohorts not assigne	d to in person teacher instruc	ction.		Instrumental		
1pm - 2:15pm	Independent / HW C	Office Hours Student Suppo	rt Teacher Planning / PD		Teacher Planning / PD		



### Hybrid Instructional Model

### HIGH SCHOOL (9-12)

### High School 9-12 Week 2

IN PERSON INSTRUCTION	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blocks 1,5: 7:30-8:30 Blocks 2,6: 8:40-9:40	Cohort C	Cohort C	Cohort D	Cohort D	ALL COHORTS
Blocks 3,7: 9:50-10:50 Blocks 4,8: 11:00-12:00	Last Names L-Q	Last Names L-Q	Last Names R-Z	Alphabet R-Z	Asynchronous
BIOCKS 4,8. 11.00-12.00	(LiveStream: Cohort A, B, D)	(LiveStream: Cohort A, B, D)	(LiveStream: Cohort A, B, C)	(LiveStream: Cohort A, B, C)	Learning Synchronous
In Person Cohort	One Cohort 2, ELL, SE meet in person for two consecutive days alternating weeks / 4 hour day Academic Suppo				Academic Support Office Hours
Virtual Cohorts	All cohorts not assigne	Instrumental			
1pm - 2:15pm	Independent / HW (	Office Hours Student Support	Teacher Planning / PD		Teacher Planning / PD

# **WOHS Virtual Learning Calendar**

### **September - November 2020**

# Phase 2Hybrid ModelHybridSPECIALIZED PROGRAMS





# The Road Back 18-21 Program

7:30am - 12pm	PROGRAM SCHEDULE
	Synchronous Instruction
Cohorts A, C Weekly: M, Tu	Social Skills Career Awareness Career Exploration
Cohorts B, D Weekly: W, Th	Pre-Vocational Activities (TBD)
	Virtual Instruction for Non-Cohort Days
Friday	Asynchronous Learning
	<u>Synchronous</u> Individual Student Conferencing



# The Road Back 18-21 Program

#### The following table outlines sample areas and activities:

Area	Activities
Supply Bank	Collection of school supplies, non-perishable foods, clothing and face coverings, gloves and sanitizer, for distribution.
Greenhouse	Horticulture program: Development of outdoor and indoor horticulture program, including garden building, planting and maintenance.
Food Services	Work with the food services department to pick up and distribute lunches and retrieve delivery bags.
Clerical	Clerical opportunities throughout the building, including but not limited to: photocopying, sorting, shredding, and mailings.
Maintenance	Various tasks per the maintenance department within the high school setting.

# ALTERNATE PATHWAY FULL TIME REMOTE LEARNING

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### **Parent Choice**

### **Full-Time Remote Learning**

NJ State guidelines provide for parent choice as it relates to students returning to in-person instruction, in any form. Parents / students have the option to opt out of the district's hybrid model (which includes in-person instruction) and instead select *Full-Time Remote Learning* for the 2020-2021 school year by completing and submitting the:

- <u>Request for Full-Time Remote Learning Digital Form</u> (accessible by clicking on the hyperlink) or
- Completing the form (available upon request) and submitting it to the school in which a student is enrolled

#### Timelines for dates by which requests must be made are to be determined.

Students participating in the 100% Virtual Learning cohort will receive <u>all components</u> of their content area instruction online, to include daily lessons, activities, scheduled opportunities for student:teacher and student:student interaction, independent assignments and assessments.



### **School Closures**

### **Full-Time Remote Learning**

Given that the nation continues to find itself in a global pandemic as it nears the reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year, should the Governor and/or CDC close the public schools of NJ, the West Orange Schools are prepared to pivot to full-time remote learning using the hybrid model schedule.



- All students receive instruction virtually until further notice.
- Both teachers and students are fulltime remote.
### THE ROAD BACK COLLABORATION & TIMELINES

### Teacher / Staff Feedback Committee Work

Date / Week of	Focus Groups
June 26th, July 8th, 17th, August 5th	District Leadership Teams / Restart and Reopening Committee
July 6th - August 5th	School Leader Planning Curriculum Supervisor Planning
July 20th, 27th	Content Area Teachers / Curriculum Mapping
July 13th, 27th, August 3rd	Nurses, Child Study Team, Related Services
July 27th, Ongoing	Pandemic Response Teams Elementary Teachers (Grades K-5)
August 3rd, 10th	Teachers of Specialized Populations Content Area Teachers (6-12)
August 10th, 17th	Instructional Planning / PD Development

- August 6th Town Hall: Community Update / Panelist Discussion
- August 7th Teacher Surveys (Instructional Planning)
- August 15th Final Reopening Plan Review
   Cabinet, Administration, WOEA
- August 17th Reopening Plan Board Approval
- August 18th Reopening Plan Submission to County
- August 19th Publish Reopening Plan

Question & Answer Hybrid Instructional Model



#### Thank you!

### PANEL DISCUSSION TALKING POINTS

#### Reopening of Schools Irreconcilable Challenges to Date\*

- Health & Safety
- Personal Protective and Screening Equipment
- Facilities
- Human Resources
- Meals
- Technology
- Transportation
- Special Services
- Financial Implications



#### Irreconcilable Challenges to Date Health & Safety



- Continued focus on the screening procedures.
- Consideration towards managing multiple symptomatic students at one time (especially if the isolation areas are full).
- Consideration towards students who are unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons, as well as other reasons and the impact this may have on others.
- Specific building procedures must be outlined relevant to the following: student who is symptomatic during class; student emergency during school day (i.e. seizure); students who have to report to Nurses office on a daily basis for treatment.
- Consideration on distribution of meals/location for eating meals; There must be emphasis on students with life-threatening food allergies and protocols to ensure safety of students with allergies.

# Irreconcilable Challenges to Date **Facilities**



- All schools (except Liberty and Tarnoff Section of the HS) are Heat and Ventilation (HV) units only.
- Air Conditioning is only provided by the use of window AC units.
- Most if not all HV units are original equipment
- HV units are operated as stand alone individual room units.
- Individual units work on manually operated thermostats in each room.
- Fresh air is brought into the room from the exterior only when the unit calls for heat.
- Windows must be used to assist in the ventilation of a room.
- Electric automated controls and replacement of the HV units is required to bring the systems up to current ventilation standards (ventilate when the rooms are unoccupied, ventilate when carbon dioxide is elevated).



#### Irreconcilable Challenges to Date Human Resources



- Staff decisions related to medical conditions, child care, and accommodations are ongoing and directly impact the district's ability to implement a fully staffed in person instructional model.
- Staff decisions are contingent upon the feasibility of the district's reopening plan.
- The district has received a large number of requests for *reasonable accommodations*.
- Determinations for *reasonable accommodations* require an interactive process with time factors that impact the district's implementation plan.
- Securing leave replacements presents significant challenges, specifically for positions requiring specialized certifications. Given this challenge is not unique to West Orange, the pool of candidates to fill these leaves will be limited.



## Irreconcilable Challenges to Date **Meals**

- Due to length of day for our preschool and elementary students, breakfast and lunch programs would have to be served in the classroom
- Students would have to remove their face coverings to eat
- NJ currently does not permit indoor dining, due to concerns regarding transmitting the virus while eating in closed spaces
- The Road Back does not address this parameter for schools and remains a health and safety concern for students and staff.
- Hand washing and sanitizing protocols for each meal would further impact the movement of students throughout the building, staggering schedules, and significantly reducing instructional time.

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# Irreconcilable Challenges to Date **Meals**

- Feeding students without creating large gatherings while maintaining social distancing
- Removing masks to eat indoors
- Minimizing the amount of person-to-person contact
- Hand washing and sanitizing protocols for each meal would further impact the movement of students throughout the building, staggering schedules, and significantly reducing instructional time.
- Serving breakfast and lunch in the classroom without interrupting an already shortened instructional day
- Additionally, meals in the classroom would create an added risk for students with life threatening food allergies.
- Safely entering PINs when purchasing lunch
- Cash handling and ability to give change. Online payments cannot be the only option for payment
- Plexiglass on backorder







- Home Internet Access, Speed
- Aging Chromebooks in elementary (Grades 1-3)
- Parent Activation of PowerSchool Portal

#### Irreconcilable Challenges to Date Transportation



- Timing of routes to allow for cleaning of the bus between routes.
- Ensuring routes have 22 or less students for a 54 passenger bus and 9 or less for a 24 passenger bus.

## Irreconcilable Challenges to Date **Special Services**

#### **Overarching Challenges:**

- Health and safety of students and staff members.
- Staff coverage for staff members who are unable to report to work due to medical conditions or other reasons.
- Student behaviors (including but not limited to biting and/or spitting), which may put others at risk.

Child Study Team	Related Service Providers	Paraprofessionals (Concerns specific to Virtual)
<ul> <li>Initial and reevaluations that have not yet been completed from the previous school year due to school closures.i</li> <li>Scheduling IEP meetings in conjunction with teacher and Related Service provider schedules.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Scheduling is a major concern taking into account:         <ul> <li>Avoid pulling students during in-person instruction</li> <li>Providing services to students who are virtual full-time</li> </ul> </li> <li>Group Services         <ul> <li>Co-mingling of students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work space for paraprofessionals during virtual instruction to alleviate paraprofessionals from being in classroom with teacher</li> <li>Ensure that paraprofessionals have devices to be able to support student learning (working with Technology Department)</li> </ul>

### Irreconcilable Challenges to Date Special Services



Preschool	Elementary	Self-Contained Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, and Behavioral Disabilities Program
<ul> <li>Ongoing discussion specific to safety concerns</li> <li>Preschool utilizes the Tools of the Mind curriculum, which is primarily playbased thus requiring students to work closely with one another</li> <li>Preschool students require consistent physical contact between staff members and students which will impact social distancing (i.e. bathrooming)</li> <li>Students may have difficulty wearing face covers for an extended period of time.</li> <li>Use of shared space with the church</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Challenge at the elementary level has been with the Resource, Pull-Out Replacement Program.         <ul> <li>Accommodating students with mixed programs</li> <li>Accommodating multi- graded Resource, POR classes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Consideration towards students from moving from class to class (co-mingling) and mixing with different students throughout the day.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Livestream instruction may be difficult for students; alternate instructional options are being considered.</li> <li>Concern about social distancing between staff and students; requires consistent contact between staff members and students.</li> </ul>