

Paramus Public Schools: Reopening Update

The image shows the exterior of Paramus High School. The building features a brick facade on the left and a white overhang above the entrance. The entrance is marked by a white sign with the text "PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL" in blue capital letters. Below the sign is a row of five sets of blue double doors. The sky is clear and blue, and there are some trees and a small tree in the foreground.

PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL

August 31, 2020

Timeline of Recent Events

Prior to August 26, 2020

Staffing vacancies are within expected ranges.

The district continues to meet all existing health and safety guidelines as per the NJDOE's "The Road Back" document and continues to pursue and implement additional health and safety measures in line with its philosophy to go above and beyond State expectations.

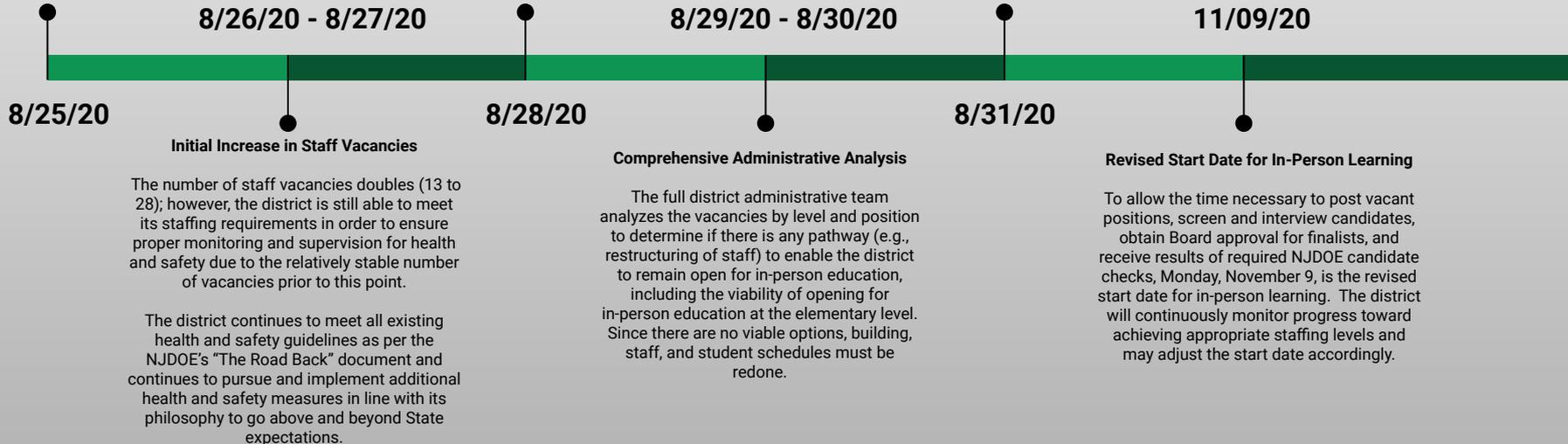
Staffing Crisis and Community Notification

The number of staff vacancies increases significantly (28 to 50), resulting in a percentage change increase of 284.62% over the course of three days. A special Board meeting is scheduled and notification quickly sent to the entire school community that there may be a need to delay the start of in-person education.

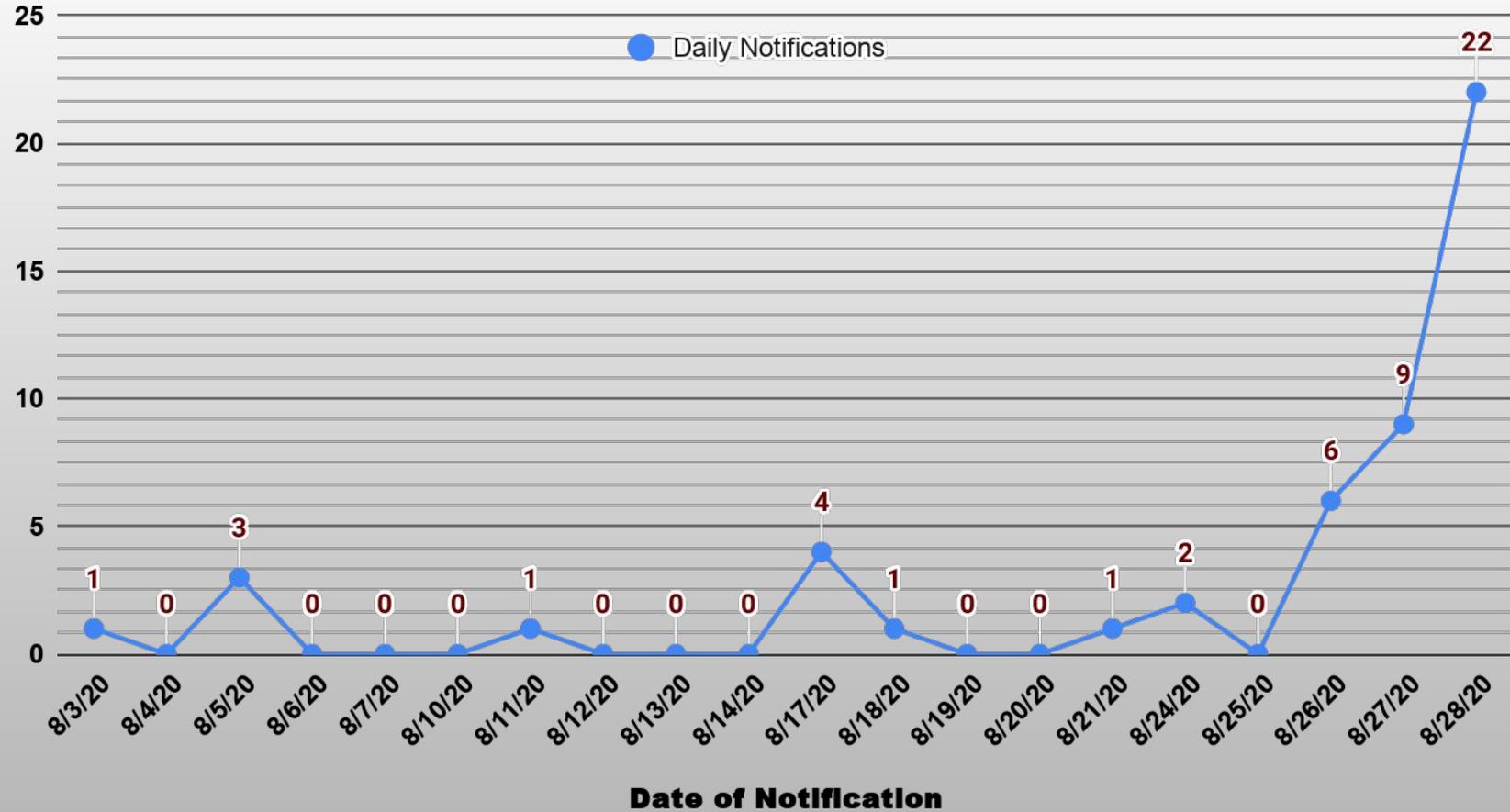
Public Board Meeting

Revised reopening plan, including reasons for the revisions, are presented to the public at the special Board meeting.

While the district continues to meet all existing health and safety guidelines as per the NJDOE's "The Road Back" document and continues to pursue and implement additional health and safety measures in line with its philosophy to go above and beyond State expectations, it is unable to meet its staffing requirements in order to ensure proper monitoring and supervision for health and safety due to the sudden and dramatic increase in essential staff vacancies.



Daily Notifications of Staff Leaves/Resignations



Health and Safety: Important Points of Clarification

- The district continues to meet all existing health and safety guidelines as per the NJDOE’s “The Road Back” document.
 - ***However, the district is unable to meet its staffing requirements in order to implement these health and safety guidelines and ensure proper monitoring and supervision for health and safety.***
- The district continues to pursue and implement additional health and safety measures in line with its philosophy to go above and beyond State expectations (e.g., multiple layers of PPE).
 - ***Ventilation***
 - ***The district meets the ventilation requirements as mandated in the NJDOE’s “The Road Back” document.***
 - ***The recently-commissioned air quality study is an example of the district continuing to pursue ways in which to exceed those requirements. Again, the district does meet the air quality requirements outlined by the NJDOE and is bound by Executive Order from the Governor to provide in-person learning as long as all other health and safety guidelines are met.***

Scheduling: Important Points of Clarification

- While the target date for resuming in-person education is November 9, 2020, the district will work steadfastly at meeting its obligation to reopen schools for students as soon as we are safely able.
 - *Accordingly, we may be able to reopen for in-person education for certain student populations and levels prior to November 9, 2020.*
 - *We may also be able to reopen for in-person education for all students prior to November 9, 2020.*
- Middle and high school individual student schedules will be sent to families Tuesday, September 1.
- Elementary teacher assignments will be sent to families Tuesday, September 1.

Elementary School: Sample Full-Remote Schedule

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00	Morning Meeting				
1	9:10	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
2	9:50	Music	Phys. Ed.	Phys. Ed.	Library	Art
3	10:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
4	11:10	1/2 Word Study 1/2 Recess				
	11:50	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
5	12:50	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
6	1:30	1/2 Technology 1/2 Recess	1/2 Wellness 1/2 Recess	1/2 Spanish 1/2 Recess	1/2 Wellness 1/2 Recess	1/2 Handwriting 1/2 Recess
7	2:10	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing	Writing
	3:00	Extra Help				

****TIME ON COMPUTER WILL DEPEND ON AGE AND GRADE-LEVEL.**

Morning Meetings (Always synchronous through Google Meet) - This will be an opportunity for all students to meet with their homeroom teacher and visit with their homeroom classmates. During this time, teachers will set up a daily plan for each day.

All Classes (Reading, Writing, Math, Science/Social Studies, Word Study, Technology/Wellness/Spanish/Handwriting, and Special Areas) will always begin synchronously - Google Meet. There will be opportunities for students to work with their teachers in small groups or individually during the asynchronous time each period.

Middle School: Sample Full-Remote Schedule

Middle School Remote Schedule					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 - 8:12	Homeroom				
8:15 - 8:52	Academic Core 1				
8:55 - 9:32	Academic Core 2				
9:35 - 10:12	Academic Core 3				
10:15 - 10:52	Creative Arts	Physical Education	Creative Arts	Physical Education	Creative Arts
10:55 - 11:32	Academic Core 4				
11:35 - 12:12	Spanish	Extended Learning	Spanish	Extended Learning	Spanish
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch				
1:00 - 1:30	<i>Blended Learning</i>				
1:30 - 2:00					
2:00 - 2:30					
2:30 - 3:00	x	Extra Help	Extra Help	Extra Help	x

High School: Full-Remote Schedule

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	A Day	B Day	A Day	B Day	A Day
8:15 - 9:15	Period 1	Period 5	Period 1	Period 5	Period 1
9:20 - 10:20	Period 2	Period 6	Period 2	Period 6	Period 2
10:25 - 11:25	Period 3	Period 7	Period 3	Period 7	Period 3
11:30- 12:30	Period 4	Period 8	Period 4	Period 8	Period 4
12:30- 1:30	Student Lunch				
*1:30- 2:00	Period 1 SG	Period 5 SG	Period 3 SG	Period 7 SG	Period 1 SG
*2:01 - 2:31	Period 2 SG	Period 6 SG	Period 4 SG	Period 8 SG	Period 2 SG
2:31 - 3:01	X	Extra Help	Extra Help	Extra Help	X

**SG (Small Group) - Students in assigned period will have an opportunity for live small group supplemental instruction. When students are not participating in live instruction from 1:30-2:31, they will be working asynchronously on material from their morning classes.*

Updated Resources

[Paramus Community Connections](#)

[Health Resources for Parents/Guardians & Students](#)

[Health Resources for Staff](#)

[Technology Resources](#)