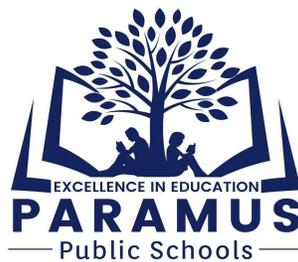


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Dear Paramus Community,

As the New Jersey Department of Education reviews our Restart and Recovery Plan, our School Restart Committees continue to meet and provide input into the finer details of our reopening plans. Although the Restart and Recovery Plan will be posted and shared with you all in the coming days, I would like to provide updates regarding certain critical and time-sensitive reopening items.

Schedules

Detailed information regarding the times and types of learning (in-person, virtual, etc.) for both the Transition Phase and the Orange Phase has now been posted on the [School Reopening Schedules](#) page of the Paramus Community Connections website. During the day tomorrow, Tuesday, August 11, information regarding the specific cohort into which your child has been placed will be sent to you by your child's principal. For families with multiple children, an individual notification will be sent for each child.

As a reminder, students within specialized populations (e.g., self-contained classes) will operate on schedules tailored to their particular needs. Our Supervisor of Student Personnel Services, Margaret Damiano, will be sending these schedules to these families individually. Further questions regarding your child's individualized education program can be addressed by contacting Mrs. Damiano at mdamiano@paramusschools.org.

Schedules for preschool programs will be sent to the appropriate families by Dara Carr, Supervisor of Elementary Education and District Programs. Further questions regarding the preschool program can be addressed by contacting Mrs. Carr at dcarr@paramusschools.org.

Full-Remote Learning Option

Currently, about 25% of our families have indicated a preference for full-remote learning. You may view specific breakdowns of the results by level and school on the [Virtual Academy](#) page of the Paramus Community Connections website.

A separate communication will be sent this week detailing how to officially select the remote learning option. If your child will be participating in full-remote learning, the cohort identified in the communication you receive today from his/her principal will be the one into which he/she is placed upon any potential return to in-person learning during the school year. While more detailed information regarding full-remote schedules will be provided at a later date, please know that full-remote learning times will be similar to in-person learning times.



Child Care

Due to last week's storm and the subsequent power outages, on-site facility reviews with our before/after school care provider, Champions, needed to be rescheduled to this week. As a reminder, we are exploring not only offering our traditional before/after school programs for our K-8 students, but also investigating the possibility of expanding those offerings to include in-school child care for students during the times in the school day when their cohort is not in actual class.

We will provide details, including locations, times, and cost, in an update once the plan has been finalized.

Virtual Information Sessions

There is a high level of interest regarding our upcoming Paramus Community Connections Virtual Information Sessions. To date, approximately 500 community members have expressed a desire to participate in at least one of the offered sessions. We are currently working out a schedule to ensure that all interested community members have the opportunity to participate. Once the schedule has been finalized, those of you who have submitted the invitation form will receive specific information regarding the dates/times of the sessions.

If you are interested in participating in any of these sessions and have not yet submitted the form, please complete the invitation form located on the [Virtual Information Sessions](#) page of the Paramus Community Connections website.

As a reminder, you may always submit any questions or comments regarding the plans for the 2020-2021 school year through the [School Reopening: Questions and Comments](#) section of our Paramus Community Connections website. Each member of the community who submits a question through this site will receive a response to his/her specific question; in addition, responses to the most frequently asked questions will be posted on the Questions and Comments section of the website.

Sincerely,

Sean Adams
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