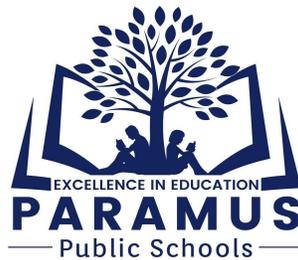


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Dear Paramus Community,

As you may be aware, Governor Murphy made a number of important announcements regarding revisions to the State's guidance on reopening schools this week. Among those revisions was a new requirement for districts to start the school year in a fully remote learning environment if they are unable to meet the health and safety guidelines provided by the NJDOE.

Yesterday, Bergen County superintendents were informed that updated guidelines for reopening schools will be provided by the NJDOE next week. We will fully review and evaluate our existing [Restart and Recovery Plan](#) according to the updated guidelines once we receive them. However, in the absence of clear direction from the State at this time, we must continue to plan for the reopening of schools in September.

To that end, please carefully review the following critical reopening items:

Full-Remote Option

By **Wednesday, August 19**, please log on to the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) to indicate whether your child(ren) will be participating in the in-person model or the full-remote model.

- Students participating in the **full-remote program** will have the opportunity to transition into the in-person program on a monthly basis. The first opportunity to transition into the in-person program is on **October 12**. Parents/guardians will have until **October 5** to notify their principal via a transition request form if they would like to initiate that change.
- Parents/guardians of students participating in the **in-person program** may request to have their children transition into the full-remote program **at any time** by submitting a transition request form to their building principal. Such requests will be processed as quickly as possible.
- Students participating in full-remote learning who return to in-person learning during the school year will remain in the same cohorts into which they have already been placed. However, teachers the students have during full-remote learning may be different from teachers the students have if they transition to in-person learning.
- The times of the full-remote school day will be similar to the times of the in-person school day.
- Students participating in the full-remote program will receive live synchronous instruction in an amount comparable to that provided to students participating in the in-person program.

School Calendar

The first day of school for all students remains September 3, 2020. However, all students will be participating in virtual learning on September 3 and September 4. Students participating in the in-person program will begin their in-person learning on Tuesday, September 8.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and support as we continue to work toward safely reopening our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Adams", written in a cursive style.

Sean Adams
Superintendent of Schools