

# GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Last Friday Governor Murphy announced that schools will reopen in September. Prior to opening, schools must ensure that they are following the guidelines for reopening from the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE). Putting the guidelines in place and ensuring that the school environment is safe for staff and students will require a great deal of planning. Although we have been discussing various scenarios, now that we have the official guidelines, we need to create a plan that works for the Lincoln School Community.

The guidelines state that all school districts create a Restart Committee that includes administrators, teachers, parents and board of education members. If you are interested in being part of this committee please let me know by Thursday July 2nd. The first meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 10 am and will be in person at Lincoln School. An in-person meeting is necessary as the committee will be making decisions regarding the use of our facilities. Part of the meeting will be touring the school to see what classrooms and social distance protocols will look like in September. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22nd at 10am. Here is the link to the NJDOE guidelines for your review: <http://njpsa.org/documents/pdf/DOEReopeningPlanFinal.pdf>

Thank you again for your understanding as we all continue to navigate a situation that is beyond our control. Thank you also for responding to the many surveys I have sent these past few months. Your responses and comments have truly helped guide our decision making during this unprecedented time. Please be patient as I will be sending another survey shortly because the Restart Committee will need to know your thoughts on returning to school in September.

Be well! Be Safe!

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