

# Garwood's Restart Plan

*The Road Back in September*

*BOE Meeting – August 12, 2020*



# The Restart Committee

- **As per the NJDOE the district was expected to develop, in collaboration with community stakeholders, a plan to reopen schools in September. The guiding principle was the health and safety of the students.**
- **The restart committee was formed with parents, staff members, administrators and Board of Education members**
- **The Restart Committee met on 7/7, 7/14, 7/22 and 8/5/20. A special education sub group met on 7/22. The pandemic response team met on 7/23 and the school nurse and administration met on 7/28**

# Our Priorities

- **The health and safety of all our staff and students**
- **Engaging our students in academic and social emotional learning in-person**
- **Provide a remote learning plan that can be put into place immediately**
- **Provide staff with professional development for remote learning**
- **Provide parents with tutorials for remote learning**

# Lincoln School Facilities

- Lincoln School is air conditioned
- The Lincoln School ventilation system brings in fresh air continuously
- When possible, inside doors and windows will be opened for ventilation
- The system's filters have been changed and will be changed periodically
- Additional equipment has been ordered to clean specifically for COVID
- All classrooms will be sanitized and disinfected daily
- Student bathrooms will be cleaned 2x during the four hour day
- Frequently touched surfaces will also be cleaned throughout the school day
- As soon as students enter the building the entrances and stairwells will be cleaned
- All disinfecting and cleaning products meet EPA guidelines
- Custodial staff has been trained on the cleaning procedures

# Virtual Learning Grades 1-8

- Parents must return the request for virtual learning form by August 27th
- On September 9th, students are invited to meet their teacher(s) on the back playground
- The time for the meet and greet will be sent via email on August 12th
- Beginning on the first day of school, September 10th, students will log into their chromebook at the start of the school day
- Students will be invited to a Google Meet by their teacher
- Teachers will take attendance
- If a child is sick, parents must call them out on the school absence line 908-789-0331 ext 2150
- Students will watch the teacher instruct the lesson and will be able to participate during the Q/A part of the lesson

# Virtual Learning Grades 1-8 (cont.)

- During classwork time the Google Meet will have the camera and microphone turned off (this is required for the privacy of the students in the classroom)
- Students at home will also be completing the classwork and the teacher will give an approximate time for turning the camera and microphone back on
- Students must participate in the entire four hour school day
- At the end of each school day, at approximately 2:15 pm, classroom teachers in grades 1-5 will have a Google Meet with the virtual learning students to assist with any challenges/questions they have from the school day
- Middle school teachers will have afternoon Google Classroom office hours for assistance
- In the afternoon students will have access to virtual Google Classrooms for Art, Music, WL, PE and SEL
- Students will be required to submit classwork, take tests, and will receive report cards

**\*\*Parents please note that your child may need your assistance to complete their assignments**

# Attending Lincoln School in September 2020

- In-person school will be four hours per day
- Students will report to school between 8:15 am-8:25 am
- Each grade will report to a different entrance and after a temperature check will report to their classroom. Designated entrance and reporting time will be sent on August 12th.
- Student in grades PK-5 will remain in the same classroom
- Students in grades 6-8 will have minimal classroom movement and all classes will be on the same floor
- Students will be dismissed from the same door that they enter in the morning
- Students will be dismissed between 12:15pm-12:25pm  
(Staggered times are being implemented as per the NJDOE guidelines)
- Students will have all core academic subjects daily

## Attending Lincoln School in September 2020 (cont.)

- Students will have gym daily
- Students will have virtual Google Classrooms for Art, Music, WL, PE and SEL that can be accessed in the afternoon
- There are no lockers or cubbies for students - all personal belongings will be kept at their desks/backpacks/drawstrings bags
- Students will be issued a chromebook that they will bring to and from school
- Classrooms will follow social distance rules and desks will be 6ft apart
- Students will be required to wear masks
- Students should bring a snack and water bottle to school each day
- Water fountains will be covered and not be used
- Students will have additional hand washing breaks
- There will be bathroom monitors to ensure safety and social distancing for students



# **Additional Information**

- **Grab & go lunches will be made available upon request**
- **Social emotional learning, mindfulness, brain breaks, and mask breaks will be embedded as part of the day**
- **We will provide additional support as needed through the NJTSS**
- **As per the the NJDOE students' IEPs will be followed to the greatest extent possible**
- **Parents who do not want a child to attend school in-person must sign and return an acknowledgement and release form no later than 3pm on Thursday, August 27, 2020**
- **Requests to transition from virtual to in-person learning can be made four times throughout the school year. Requests need to be submitted in writing as per the following dates: October 2 for student return on October 13, October 30 to return on November 19, January 22 to return on February 1, and April 1 to return on April 14**

# Health Protocols

**IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME!** If a child gets sick in school they will be sent to the nurse's office. Students who are sick with COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated from any other student who might be in the office sick with other symptoms. Any child who is sent to the nurse's office with COVID symptoms will be sent home immediately. Parents must pick up their sick child as soon as possible and the child will be brought to the front door and dismissed to the parent or guardian. According to the CDC, the following is a list of current symptoms:

- Fever (100.0) or chills
- New cough or change in chronic cough (children with chronic cough need documentation from their physician)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (not exercise induced)
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches (without known trauma or injury)
- Headache (children with chronic headaches/migraines require documentation from their physician)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose (chronic rhinitis requires documentation from their physician)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea ( 2 or more episodes of of loose stools in a 24 hour period)

**Parents/Guardians MUST keep their child home if he/she has any of the above symptoms**

# Health Protocols (cont)

**You may return to school after having a positive COVID test when:**

- **Symptomatic- 10 days after symptom onset AND fever free for 24 hours without medication AND with improvement of other symptoms**
- **Asymptomatic- 10 days after specimen collection/date of positive test and assuming no symptoms develop**

**You may return to school after a negative COVID test or COVID test not sent or completed:**

- **COVID still suspected and no clear diagnosis- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever AND improvement of symptoms AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first showed up.**
- **COVID is strongly not suspected: If you have a fever and/symptoms, but no definite alternate diagnosis, you can return ONLY once you are fever free/symptom free for 72 hours.**
- **COVID is strongly not suspected AND has a definite alternate diagnosis by a healthcare professional- May return after symptom and fever free for 24 hours**
- **No one will be permitted to return to school with ongoing symptoms.**

**\*\*As the school will be having virtual learning, students sent home may participate from home if they are feeling up to it.**

# Policy Updates

- **Visitors Policy 1250**
- **Operation and Maintenance of Plant Policy 3510**
- **Transportation Safety Policy 3541.33**
- **Illness Policy 5141.2**
- **Health Examinations and Immunizations 5141.3**
- **Remote Learning Policy 6173.1**

# Questions, Comments, Concerns?

