

# GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for taking our most recent Return to School survey. The results of the survey are attached. The survey shows that 61% of our families would like to attend school five days per week. A survey was also sent to the teaching staff and a majority of our teachers would also like to have school five days per week. If we return to school in September, it will be four hours per day, five days per week (mornings). I said if because the return to school will be based on the current COVID cases in New Jersey in September and the most current NJDOE guidelines. Although I hope that we return to school, the safety of our staff and students remains my primary concern.

Last week the Governor announced that parents have the option to keep their children on remote learning in September if they choose. Please click on the following link for this information:


Supplemental Guidance: Clarifying Expectations Regarding Fulltime Remote Learning Options for Families in 2020-2021

The Garwood BOE is currently reviewing policy 6173.1, Remote Learning. This policy addresses in-person learning and remote learning and will be approved at the August 11th BOE meeting.

This week Mrs. Emmons and our technology coordinator continued working on a plan for live streaming instruction for students who choose to stay home. This plan will be shared at the next Restart Committee meeting on August 5th.

Ms. Lukacovic, Mrs. Emmons and I developed Health protocols for students who get sick at school and they are also attached. We are still working on the protocols which will address when a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19. These protocols will be shared as soon as they are finalized.

Thank you for all your support during this unprecedented time! I remain thankful that I work in Garwood,

the small town with a big  !

Be well! Be safe!

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