

GARWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly
~ J. Von Goethe*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you have been enjoying the summer! It is hard for me to believe that four short weeks from today will be our first day of school! We have been hard at work preparing for full days of in-person instruction as we look forward to another safe and successful school year! On June 21st, I sent an email notification regarding the school plan for the 21-22 school year. The draft plan was developed following the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) guidelines. Some guidelines have changed since the plan was developed and Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 251. As per the order, there is a universal masking policy in place for the opening of school. Another change to the plan is a reduction in the required social distancing amount from 6ft to 3ft to the extent possible. I have attached the updated plan for your review. Please know that the plan may be revised again as guidelines change.

An email will be sent on August 18th with your child's homeroom teacher, entrance/dismissal doors and other pertinent information. Please make sure to read all information and complete the required forms prior to the first day of school on September 9.

As always, the safety of our entire Lincoln School community remains at the forefront of the 2021-2022 school year. I will continue to follow the guidance and recommendations of the NJDOE, NJDOH, and Westfield Board of Health as together we will achieve more!

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