

August 7, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are aware of the important decisions your households are faced with regarding your child(ren)'s return to school and want to offer as much information as possible so that you can be comfortable with your choices. Thank you to those who were able to attend Wednesday night's presentation on the Reopening of Schools. For those who were unable to attend, the presentation is available on the district website [MTSD Reopening Information Session](#). We hope this information will serve as a useful guide for you in the decision-making process. As a reminder, please be sure to complete the [Instructional Selection Form](#) by Sunday, August 9, 2020. The information from the form is critical as it will allow us to schedule students and staff, plan for transportation, and detail our safety procedures in each building as we return to school on September 8, 2020.

On the landing page of the [Reopening Tab](#), you will find a description of our in-person, [hybrid-learning option](#) as well as a description of our [fully-online option](#). If school opens in a hybrid model, there will be 3 cohorts of students: Cohort 1 in-person, Cohort 2 in-person, and Cohort 3 online. At this time, all three cohorts would be part of the same teacher's classroom and work together using Google Classroom, Google Meets, and Zoom (9-12). Once you have reviewed the documents describing both options, you may find it helpful to view the [video narration](#) of these models that was released this past Tuesday. The option for 100% virtual is a one-month minimum commitment. There is no time commitment for changes from the hybrid option. Please note that students will be receiving full days of instruction, regardless of the model you choose for them to participate in.

Specific resources for students who receive special education services can be accessed through the link to [Special Services Reopening Instructional Information](#).

In addition to the above information, the [Montgomery Township Reopening Plan](#) is located on the district website and within the Reopening Tab. This draft document was submitted last week to the County Executive Superintendent. The plan is subject to change based on any revisions to the NJDOE or CDC guidelines. The Board of Education will vote on this plan at the August 25, 2020 meeting. As recently as this afternoon, the NJDOE released [School Reopening Frequently Asked Questions](#)

During the week of August 24th, you will receive school-specific information regarding your child(ren)'s return to school, whether you choose the hybrid or the 100% virtual option. The school Principals will provide a clear picture of what a day will look like in both the hybrid and the virtual models.

We recognize that the impact of COVID-19 continues to significantly change your child(ren)'s school experience. We look forward to the day that all children and staff can safely return to our school buildings; but until then, we will continue to provide a high-quality education for your children. Thank you for taking the time to review all the information that has been shared with you to make the best decision for your child(ren).

Sincerely,

Mary E. McLoughlin

Superintendent