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Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - 7 PM

1. Is it guaranteed that my child will not contract COVID-19 from school exposure? **No.**
2. If the in person days are only half days, taking away the time spent on meals, how much time is left for actual learning? **Lunch is grab and go at the end of the day. Breakfast will also be available for students. The instructional day will be 4 hours.**
3. Will siblings be put on the same schedule? **Yes, all students residing at the same address will be placed on the same schedule.**
4. Can you please clarify- for those choosing all virtual learning, will there be a daily "Live" class or is it all apps/online modules? **The expectation is that there will be daily "live" instruction via Zoom or a similar platform where teachers will engage with students everyday. These lessons will be recorded so that families who cannot attend live can still benefit from the lesson later in the day. If a student is participating in a hybrid model their lessons will be recorded videos that reinforce their learning from their in-person days with activities to go along with them.**
5. What are the days kids will be there **Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday with all students attending school virtually on Wednesdays.**
6. Will SMILE and CASTLE be available? **Yes, the YMCA will be holding before and after care.**
7. Are there options for both working parents? This plan requires at least another caretaker or care facility. Do you have recommendations? **We are working with the YMCA to have options on virtual days for parents.**
8. Teachers will be doing live zoom teaching on days that are virtual at all schools? **The expectation is that there will be daily "live" instruction via Zoom or a similar platform where teachers will engage with students everyday. These lessons will be recorded so that families who cannot attend live can still benefit from the lesson later in the day. If a student is participating in a hybrid model their lessons will be recorded videos that reinforce their learning from their in-person days with activities to go along with them.**
9. Will our children have to wear masks provided by the school or are they allowed to wear their own mask that they bring from home? **They can wear their own or the ones the PTO is purchasing. To help prevent masks from getting lost or spending time on the floor, the Parents' group has agreed to purchase lanyards.**
10. So every day is early dismissal? No lunches at school ever? **Until we are in a situation where there is a large capacity and closer social distance, breakfast and lunch will be grab and go.**
11. What will the actual daily cleaning process be, what will the deep clean be? **The Facilities Department will follow the guidelines as set forth by the Department of Health and CDC. This will include the cleaning of all surfaces, as well as disinfecting the classrooms with hospital-grade products.**
12. Are the schools accepting donations ? tissues,pencils ..etc **We can, however, students and staff should not be sharing supplies. All facilities staff have been trained and will have on-going training.**
13. What about special needs kids who can not handle virtual learning? **Individual situations will be handled by case managers and special services office. If you**

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have concerns please contact your child's individual case manager or Mrs. Wagner-Fehn (awagnerfehn@sptsd.org) to discuss solutions.

14. Will student temperatures be taken each morning? **Not at this time. It is no longer required by the CDC (as of Friday, July 24, 2020)**
15. Is OnCourse taking the place of Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom? **OnCourse is the location for all student work. The staff will work in the platform they are most comfortable and upload to OnCourse Classroom LMS. This way there is one location for parents and students to get information.**
16. How many hours will students be in school during their in-person days? **4 hours**
17. What will the classroom look like? dividers? masks? will a teacher be able to do one on one with a child or maintain a 6 ft distance? **At this time the district will be following the Road Back guidelines of 113 nsf (net square footage) per child. As stated in the presentation, most classrooms will allow between 7-9 persons per classroom inclusive of students and adults. This will allow students to remove their masks while sitting in their seats. If a child needs to move about the classroom or leave the room, they will be required to put their mask on. There are no dividers.**
18. What is the plan if a faculty, staff, student show symptoms, tests positive, or worse? **If experiencing any symptoms, stakeholders should complete screening, stay home, and students should call the attendance line. Staff members should put in for a sick day.**
19. How will we know if a positive occurs at the school? What is the chain of information process? **The Atlantic County Health Department is responsible for informing the school of a child who has tested positive. Working with the nurses to identify who that child has been in "close" contact with the sick individual. The Atlantic County Health Department will then notify, through their Contact Tracing protocols, anyone who has been in "close contact". Adults are required and responsible to notify the district should they have a positive test.**
20. When will the Gill Bates Vaccine be mandatory for virtual attendance ? **Vaccine and other requirements will be updated as statute and regulations require.**
21. Will there be specials? art, gym, music? **YES, daily. Specials will be delivered in the same format as the rest of a child's instruction.**
22. Will all students go home with a Chromebook each day? **YES in grades 3-8. Students in grades PK-2 will have an I-pad which they will bring back and forth to school daily.**
23. What will we do if students forget or do not bring back their supplies or chrome books every day in for school teaching? **There will be limited school based chromebooks and I-pads for students to use should they forget theirs.**
24. How/what will the procedure be for student arrival and temperature taking? **No temperatures taken unless students are showing active symptoms.**
25. What happens should a student or teacher in my child's class test positive for COVID? **Health Department will contact the school nurse regarding students only. Staff members are required to notify the District of a positive result. DOH will follow through on contact tracing for all cases.**

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26. To what extent and who must be tested/quarantined? **The Atlantic County Department of Health will notify families/ staff of any need for testing, isolation, and quarantine.**

27. What will be drop off/ pick up times for children without before after care.

	GRADE	START TIME	DISMISSAL
DAWES AVENUE	K-3	8:45 AM	1:05 PM
DAWES AVENUE	PreK	8:30 AM	12:00 PM
NEW YORK AVENUE	PreK	8:30 AM	12:00 PM
JORDAN ROAD	4th - 8th	8:00 AM	12:20 PM

28. May we have a copy of the slideshow please. **Yes, it is posted on the website, Facebook and in the OnCourse Parent Portal.**

29. Will all kids need to be tested before they all come back to school. **Not to come back to school in September. They should be tested if a student is sick or coming from out of the state that is on the self-quarantine list. Students will need to have a note to be cleared if suspected of being positive, showing symptoms, etc. before they come back to school.**

30. How would we let someone know that we would need before or after the care program before school starts? **YMCA information will be shared as soon as we have it.**

31. What will be expected of students when they get home after their in-person day? **Similar to a traditional school day, students might have homework type tasks to complete when they return home from in-person learning. They will not be expected to engage in online learning with their teachers once they are home. Teachers may provide office hours in the afternoon for the purpose of answering questions or providing support.**

32. When is the official first day of school? **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

33. Teachers will be teaching in-person and virtually at the same time? **Until the schedule is finalized and we are aware of our staff and student census for virtual and hybrid classes we cannot answer this question. It is possible that a teacher may have to engage in both instructional formats.**

34. How are you going to work with parents who have more than 1 child in all 3 different schools that have to work a 9-5 but also can't afford to stay home all 5 days either but are scared to send their kids to school. **Reach out to your principal for a plan to assist you. We are here to help.**

35. Who's responsible for making the virtual students present for class on time ? 10min ago you told them all they don't have to log on until 5pm. **Teachers and Administration will encourage students to attend live virtual sessions. We understand however, that some families will not be able to participate in the live sessions and will therefore need an alternative way to have attendance counted. This is where work completion and video viewing will come into play.**

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36. What teaching support will there be for parents of students who choose virtual learning? **Instructional videos, teacher support, SEL team assistance, counselors, administration, etc. are all available to support your family. Just reach out and we will help.**
37. How is the move gonna go for students leaving Dawes ave. going into Jordan road? **Mrs. Supp and Mr. Thomas will develop a welcome video for incoming 4th graders. This will include a virtual tour. We are also hoping to do an in-person, outdoor 4th grade orientation in small groups, if possible, during the first week of September with the 4th grade teachers.**
38. Are the days full or half days? **Half-days. 4 hours for K-8, 3.5 hours for PreK.**
39. Parents do have the choice to do all virtual? **Correct. Parents can choose the virtual option on a trimester basis commitment.**
40. Do you anticipate a staffing shortage due to teachers unable/unwilling to return? **We are not sure at this point.**
41. How will we be notified if there is an exposure? **The Department of Health will do contact tracing. More details are explained in the answer to question #25.**
42. Will there still be a charge for before and after care, especially if parents cannot afford it due to unemployment. **There is Child Care Network for parents who qualify and Y Cares for families who don't meet the Child Care Network to help their parents.**
43. What will IEP support look like for virtual learning? **Your case manager will help you with concerns, please reach out to your case manager. If you are unsure of who your child's case manager is please reach out to Mrs. Wagner-Fehn (awagnerfehn@sptsd.org) for assistance.**
44. Do we use Microsoft Teams as a district? **No. OnCourse Classroom LMS is where all work will be posted regardless of the platform preferred by the teacher.**
45. Does that mean there is childcare on the virtual days. **YES.**
46. If I choose to start off doing all remote learning, can I change that decision as time goes on and ordinances are changed? **You have to commit for a trimester. Families will be able to re-evaluate their decision prior to the start of each trimester as rules, regulations and related health concerns evolve.**
47. If the kids that are on the virtual days are still allowed to utilize the before and after care then why not just go to school 5 days a week....? **Because there is a capacity limit on the number of people (students and adults) allowed in the rooms/ building at a time. This is based upon the State of New Jersey Guidelines (Stage 2 of the Road to Recovery).**
48. Will the school provide PPE and if so what is the plan if shortage occurs? **Masks are the responsibility of parents/guardians. The district will have disposable masks, if a child or Staffulty member forgets.**
49. When/where will we be notified of opening for registration for that child care through the YMCA? I work 8-2:30 every day so how will that work? **Information will be shared for the YMCA. Programming is 6:30 am to 6 pm. We anticipate that this information will be forthcoming from the YMCA in mid-August.**
50. Is the ymca before and after care new this year? **YES.**

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51. Is it the same as a smile and castle? **Yes, it is replacing the CASTLE/ SMILE PROGRAM.**
52. Will the District reconsider its mask policy and make it mandatory for a student to wear a mask in the classroom just as the teachers? **Masks are mandatory (door-to-door) except when at a 6' social distance in the classroom, seated at their desks.**
53. Is full time virtual learning available? **Yes, on a trimester commitment basis.**
54. It sounds like you have done a great job in the preparation. I would like to know more about what virtual learning will look like. Will it be a lot of apps like in the spring and what happens if those apps aren't working. **There will be PD days in the beginning of the year for teachers to develop meaningful, online lessons. Our goal is to streamline the access points for learning because we recognize that multiple applications are challenging for families.**
55. When are we required to notify the school should we decide to go 100% virtual **Mid-August. We are working with OnCourse to work this out virtually for current students.**
56. Will lockers be utilized? **No. Students will need to utilize book bags/backpacks to carry their materials in and out of the building daily. They will keep all belongings with them in their classrooms.**
57. Will teachers be meeting with virtual students everyday? **YES.**
58. Is there a deadline to let school know if we choose to do virtual or hybrid? **Mid-August**
59. If I choose to start off doing all remote learning, can I change that decision as time goes on and Executive Orders are changed? **Changes to learning platforms can be made on a trimester by trimester basis to facilitate planning and scheduling.**
60. How will you handle the schedule change as we move into different phases? **We are preparing schedules that will lend themselves to anticipated changes that may occur during the year as Phases change.**
61. Is the YMCA available for kids on the days that they are supposed to be virtual? **We are currently working on details with the YMCA for this option.**
62. Is there a time limit for me to sign up for ymca before and after? Will there be a packet for before after care information? **We will get the information out as soon as we can.**
63. Will there be plastic shields on the children's desks in class when they remove their masks? **No, because we will be using social distance requirements. Barriers need to be the height of the tallest students who will enter the class. This is difficult to accomplish and very costly to a district.**
64. When should we expect the kids schedules? **We anticipate being able to inform you by August 17, 2020, at the latest.**
65. I get 500 phone calls a week about food distribution but find out other stuff by Facebook posts. how will information be given **OnCourse Parent Portal. Blackboard Connect Messages, Facebook, Twitter, Website, Talking Points (for bilingual families).**
66. We had a hard time logging on to the sites last year, will you be sending out a more detailed way to get the work? **We will be sending out more instructional information on the various sites and applications students will be using for instruction. We hope to have single sign-ons available to facilitate the login process.**

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67. When is the deadline for the possible plan to be virtual thru October. How will I be notified of the Final plan? **Our final plan will be sent out by August 11, 2020.**
68. What happens when we move into phase 3 - **This remains a constantly evolving situation. We are not entirely certain what Phase 3 will mean for our schools and students. Likely, we will be able to bring more students into the buildings. We will continue to communicate our plans as the situation changes.**
69. Will this schedule work for the entire school year? **The schedule will change according to how many students we can have in the building at one time and based on any Executive Orders that are given to School Districts as the pandemic unfolds.**
70. I didn't drop off my daughters laptop today, is there another day to drop off? **YES, please contact your Principa(s) and they will schedule a time for you to drop off.**

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