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Re: Return to School Safety Status Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Board of Education we are deeply appreciative of the collective effort between our students, families and staff to initiate a safe school reopening. As we continue the 2020-21 school year, we are committed to keeping you informed with updates and new developments for a safe in-school setting. In an effort to do so, I share with you the following:

Districtwide Building Protocols

Multiple entry points for staff and students have been implemented to promote social distancing and reduce traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal procedures.

Non-essential building visitors are not permitted in district buildings.

Classroom and office doors remain open to reduce touching doorknobs as they are “high touch” surfaces.

Signage have been put up in hallways and classrooms as visual reinforcement for health and safety protocols.

Additional custodial support has been added to our daytime and evening facilities teams for added daily sanitation of high-touch areas and enhanced evening cleaning procedures.

Health and Safety

Student temperature checks are taken daily upon arrival to school.

Staff attest to daily wellness in order to attend work via the District’s temperature check and screening questionnaire.

Masks are worn and enforced at all times with the following exceptions: while eating, masks breaks, physical education activity and when social distancing of 6 feet can be maintained outside.

Handwashing stations have been installed throughout each building to encourage additional hand washing opportunities.

District cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing materials and procedures have been verified effective by an independent third-party.

HVAC system filters have been replaced with appropriate MERV filters or the manufacturer's recommended filter, for uni-vents and rooftop units, as per the manufacturer's recommendations.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing and Testing Plan and Procedures have been developed and will be governed by the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Elementary Schools

AMPS recess is scheduled by class.

Classroom density is being reduced to approximately 17 students per section to increase distance between students' desks.

Sneeze guards have been installed to students' desks.

92 elementary students are participating in the new virtual instructional learning model.

Secondary Schools

Secondary classroom density, in hybrid structure, is being reduced to less than 17 students for a majority of classes.

Cafeteria tables have been replaced with student desks to promote personal space while eating breakfast and lunch.

We will continue this ongoing effort to keep our students and staff safe and minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread within our school community. Please continue to remain familiar and informed with District protocols and procedures by visiting our [Reopening Schools Information](#) page on the District website for our most recent updates.

Thank you for your patience, flexibility and focus on the wellbeing of our students and staff.

Stay Informed ~ Stay Safe ~ Stay Positive.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano
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