

## CLIFFSIDE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

During the past few weeks I have been working with my administrative team, a district-wide restart committee and the CP Board of Education in order to develop a re-opening plan that fulfills all of the NJ Department of Education's mandates for a safe return to school. The plan for our PreK-12 students allows for either a blended in-person/virtual model or an all-remote plan. Please be assured that students who attend a hybrid in-person/virtual program will be part of a school environment that follows all safety and health requirements mandated by the state. We hope that this plan is a first step in having your children return to their classrooms full-time which is the most effective way of our staff delivering instruction. The plan also includes social and emotional learning and support which is critical in a student's overall development. As we move forward, the attached plan may be revised to address student and staff health issues, scheduling changes and the ever-changing state guidelines.

If you chose to have your child attend an all remote program you must complete the application form posted to our website and return it to my office no later than Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. This will allow our Principals time to plan and schedule prior to the opening of school. In addition to the application are guidelines and procedures that parents and students must follow for participation in the remote program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 201-313-2300 or email at mjr@cliffsidepark.edu.

By law, each school has formed a Pandemic Response Team who will be responsible for ensuring that all state and district guidelines are carried out. In addition, they will add procedures to address each school's unique needs.

I have always been very grateful for the support our parents have provided to our school community. But now, more than ever, I need your help in making sure our plan works and is safe. Please make sure that your child leaves your home each day wearing a mask and remind them how important it is to social distance. Most importantly, if your child is showing any symptoms of COVID-19 he or she MUST remain home and seek medical attention.

Please read through the attached plan and if you have any questions feel free to contact my office. It's also important that you update your email address using the Parent Portal and check our website and CP APP for plan updates, changes to our school calendar and other important notices.

Sincerely, Mr. Michael J. Romagnino Superintendent of Schools