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Planning to Move Forward

We have been analyzing the data released from the New Jersey Department of Health on a weekly basis. The current trends do show that we are moving closer to the Yellow risk category. As stated previously, we are looking to begin our reopening expansion as it correlates with the downward trend of the Covid-19 Activity Level Index (Cali) Report.

As a reminder, each report is released on Thursday and it represents the information from the week before. An analysis of the information published since January 1, 2021 has indicated that the Covid-19 Activity has been decreasing. In-district data has also indicated that the health and safety protocols in place to reduce the spread have been successful.

This encouraging information is prompting us to move into Phase 1 of the reopening expansion.

Phase 1 is expected to begin on February 22, 2021. We will be bringing back the 1:00-3:00pm supervision. We have asked that you reach out to your building administrator to be placed on the new list for this service. Everyone on the list will be asked to update Pickup Patrol and let us know how your child will be getting home from the 3:00pm dismissal time.

Phase 2 - we will be communicating with you next week regarding the commencement date of Phase 2. (If the data continues to trend downward, we look to move into Phase 2 in early March.) In this phase, the intent is to combine the Blue and Gold cohorts for Mountain Villa students and add in-person instruction to Wednesdays. This means that students who have been attending in-person learning in grades PK-2 in cohorts will attend in-person instruction five days per week from 8:30am - 12:40pm (1:00-3:00pm supervision will continue to be provided for all who requested this service).

Phase 3 - to begin once evaluation of Phase 2 is conducted (we hope to reach this phase by the second half of March). This phase will invite third-fifth grade students who have been attending in-person instruction through cohorts to attend school 5 days per week from 8:40am - 12:50pm (1:00-3:00pm supervision will continue to be provided for all who requested this service).





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Phase 4 - details of this phase are still to be determined. Middle school operations will be evaluated to determine feasibility of expanding on reopening and plans will be made accordingly.

<u>Notes regarding dismissal (MVS)</u> - with expanding on the number of students coming to school on a more-frequent basis, we will double the number of cars coming to our property during dismissal. Please assist us by displaying your child's name in LARGE letters as you drive up. We will have more staff assisting with calling students' names during pick-up, and unfortunately, they will not possess the same talent of recognizing you or your car like Ms. Megan does. This will help us to expedite the process which will be more challenging because of the number of dismissals we hope to conduct in a short period of time. Thank you for your assistance!

<u>Snow Days</u> - As if a pandemic is not enough...winter has been fairly easy in the last few years, but I guess that holding back only leads to eventually letting it all out. We have utilized three of our five snow days so far. On top of that, winter does not want to let up and we have more dangerous weather in the forecast. We plan to utilize the remaining two snow days wisely to avoid having to schedule make-up days during previously-planned vacations. Families, students, and staff have been on the Covid-coaster of uncertainty all year, and we need to count on our scheduled days off for everyone's peace of mind.

Truly,

The ATSD Admins