# ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT P.O. BOX J ALLAMUCHY, NJ 07820

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Dear Allamuchy Families and Community,

Tomorrow is the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and we are halfway through the summer. As we prepare to open school, we know the uncertainty can be challenging for you and your family. The Reopening Committee has been working very diligently on the development of a plan that will best fit the needs of the district and community. We will ensure to not only meet the minimum requirements by the NJDOE but enhance learning for our students in this unprecedented time.

The Reopening Committee utilized data collected from the Allamuchy Township Community. The results of those surveys can be found on our website <u>by clicking here</u>. There you can also find the Townhall Meeting, along with the responses to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). We will continue to provide updated information regarding the reopening of school on our website.

The Reopening Committee was broken up into sub-committees; Health and Safety, Policy and Funding, Transportation, Leadership and Planning, Educational Programming. The general information regarding the Allamuchy Reopening Plan and associated information can be viewed <u>by clicking here</u>.

## Health and Safety:

- All school staff, students and visitors will be required to wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health. If a mask must be removed, the individual must maintain social distance of 6 feet or greater.
- To ensure the safety and security of all stakeholders, any time a person is on school grounds a face mask will be required.
- The committee developed the protocols for the students entering and departing the building, to include screening procedures and temperature checks for students and staff.
- Protocols are in place to enhance the cleaning throughout the buildings during the pandemic.
- Protocols for contact tracing of students and staff will be controlled by the best practices developed and implemented by the Warren County Health Department.
- There will be proper training for our students, staff and community on health and safety protocols.

## **Policy and Funding:**

- New policies developed by Strauss Esmay to be approved by the Board of Education.
- Funding opportunities have been investigated and will be implemented appropriately.
- Staffing for all departments were reviewed and additional staffing will be added as needed.

#### **Transportation:**

- The number of students that will be permitted on each bus will be limited.
- Additional staffing will be on the bus to monitor students.
- We are developing bus routes based on the number of students that will be riding the bus.
- Bus stops may be adjusted based on the number of students riding and to achieve social distancing.
- Disinfecting of the buses will be completed after each group of students debark the bus.
- For families that have indicated they will transport their child(ren), a transportation waiver must be completed. <u>The waiver can be found by accessing the District Reopening Information on the website</u> <u>and must be completed by August 10, 2020.</u>

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## Leadership and Planning:

- The Pandemic Response Team will continue to meet regularly.
- The schedules, staffing and cohorts will be developed to meet the requirements of the Reopening Plan.
- A collaborative approach was taken when developing the Reopening Plan.
- Students will be placed in either the Blue Cohort, Gold Cohort or 100% Virtual Cohort.

#### **Educational Programming:**

<u>The delivery of instruction will take place 5 days a week.</u> The instruction will be delivered in a Hybrid Format: In-Person instruction will take place when students are in school. Virtual instruction will take place when students are NOT in school. Regardless of what format the student is in, they will participate in the lesson in some fashion with the teacher. Schedules will be developed by grade level and families will be provided with those schedules mid-August.

- General Education and Special Education instruction will be delivered to meet student needs.
- All students will be assigned a Chromebook in 2 8 grades.
  - Parents/guardians will be required to sign an acceptable technology use form and confidentiality agreement.
- All students in PreK-1 grade will have access to a device if requested.
- Professional Development and Training will be available for students, staff and parents. This will be delivered in several formats to include but not limited to; short videos, letters and single page flyer.
- A sample schedule is available within the Reopening Plan and can be viewed by accessing the District Reopening Information on the website.

# Should you choose the 100% virtual model, you must complete a form, which can be found by accessing the District Reopening Information on the website and must be completed by August 10, 2020.

<u>The YMCA of Randolph provides the service of before/after care for the district. They are also offering childcare for families during virtual learning. You can obtain information regarding before/after care and childcare by clicking here.</u>

The manner in which we will be reopening school this fall will be very different for all of us. While we have a solid plan to open, this situation continues to be fluid. As a district, we will evaluate the adjustments that are made by the NJDOE and the Governor's Office and convey that information out to our families as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school's main office. There will be staff in the front offices all summer. Have a wonderful weekend and continue to stay safe and be well!

Warmest Regards.

Joseph E. Flynn, Ed.D. Superintendent