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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The second marking period will begin on Wednesday, November 11th. If you would like to have your child switch from all virtual learning to in-person (hybrid) learning or in-person (hybrid) learning to virtual, please click on the link below and complete the form. Please note: YOU ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE YOUR CHILD'S CURRENT PLACEMENT STATUS.

In order for your child's current placement to be changed, the form must be completed by Friday, October 23rd. Again, please click on the link below and/or see below for more information. If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a great weekend.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Governor Murphy announced on July 20, 2020, that parents can choose an all virtual option for their children to attend school this year. As a result of this announcement, some parents/guardians made the decision to opt their child(ren) to attend school fully virtual.

The second marking period will begin on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th. If you would like to have your child switch from all virtual learning to in-person (hybrid) learning or in-person (hybrid) learning to virtual, please complete this form. Please note: YOU ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE YOUR CHILD'S CURRENT PLACEMENT STATUS.

In order for your child's current placement to be changed, the form must be completed by Friday, October 23rd. Please know that the option you choose will be for the entire second marking period. If you would like to change your option for learning for your child, you would provide a request to do so two weeks prior to the start of the third marking period. A reminder will be sent to all families for anyone who wants to make the switch.

The district will continue to have a five (5) day school week for all students (Monday through Friday). Unless you are choosing an all virtual option for your child/children, all students in all grades (PreK - 8) will report to school Tuesday through Friday and adhere to an early dismissal schedule. Arrival and dismissal will be staggered alphabetically by family last name (more information to follow).

In-person learning will require students to wear face coverings while in the building. The district will space desks in classrooms as far apart as possible. Additionally, barriers will be placed on student desks for students in grades K – 8. Barriers will also be placed on student tables for students in Pre-kindergarten. The district also purchased air sanitizers for all classroom spaces and offices. "Mask breaks" will take place throughout the day and teachers will be able to take their classes outside, weather permitting so that students can socially distance and get fresh air. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school so they can remain hydrated. While in school, the district is focusing on instruction in the major subject areas while also attending to the social and emotional needs of the students. Afternoons will be dedicated to special area work and other needs virtually from home or by appointment in the building. Monday will be an all virtual day for students and will focus on social and emotional learning, special area work, and other individual needs of students.

For parents choosing an all virtual option, classes will be live streamed utilizing the Google platform. Students learning from home will be expected to log into their classes at scheduled times so they may be exposed to the same instruction being provided to the students in the classroom. Students that do not log in for their scheduled classes will be marked absent for the day. Similarly, students who log into their classes late will be marked tardy for the day. Students doing virtual learning may be placed in a Google meet with their peers to facilitate small group learning and activities. The students at home will be able to see and hear the teacher delivering instruction. There may also be times when the students will need to see the smartboard and that will be accommodated. Any student participating in remote instruction must be available during school hours, 8:20 am – 2:54 pm when learning will be taking place.

If your child has an Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and you want your child to have virtual instruction, a meeting will be set up with the Child Study Team (CST) to determine appropriate programming and services.

Again, please complete the questions below and submit the survey no later than, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020. It is critical that all families wishing to change placement complete the survey so that the district can plan accordingly. Please note, our plan is fluid and will be updated as we receive more guidance from state and local officials. Finally, all families should be prepared to make the switch to all virtual learning should the Governor put an Executive Order in place requiring us to go to a fully virtual learning platform, or should public health and safety necessitate the district move to a fully virtual platform. Thank you for your cooperation