

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

Parents who would normally qualify for a free/reduced lunch for their students are advised of added food benefits with the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program. Details in English [here](#); in Spanish [here](#).

Contacts:

District Social/Emotional Hotline: [732-810-3146](tel:732-810-3146).

District technology issues: techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Jul 5: Independence Day observed, district closed

Tue, Jul 6: Start Summer Programs at Freehold Learning Center

-SpEd Extended Year, Mon-Thu, 8am-12pm

-Learning Acceleration (rising grades 1-3), Mon-Thu, 8:45am-12:15pm

-Learning Acceleration (rising Kindergarten), Mon-Thu, 9am-12pm

Tue, Jul 6: Continue 21st Century Programs at Park Ave Complex

-Academies (rising grades 3-8), Mon-Fri, 8am-12pm

-Academic Recovery (former grades 6-8), Mon-Fri, 8am-1pm

Mon, Jul 12: BOE Meeting, 7pm

2021-2022:

Yesterday the Governor and Acting NJ Commissioner of Education had a virtual press conference and announced operating guidance for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

We learned that Executive Order 175 and the Road Back guidance (the operable guidance in 2020-2021) will end on July 4th. They are supplanted by "The Road Forward, Health and Safety Guidance for the 2021-2022 School Year". This reference document is provided in its entirety [here](#).

These are the key points/changes:

The 2021-2022 school year is expected to be full day, full time, in-person instruction, regardless of the ability to comply with any of the recommendations in the Road Forward guidance.

As mentioned previously, there will be no parental virtual choice option. All students will have to be present in school.

Masking will be optional, but highly recommended for those not vaccinated. However, it was noted that CDC recommendations on masking in 2021-2022 are not out yet, and that CDC guidance, or negative developments in the pandemic, may modify these masking rules.

Consistent with the expiration of the current guidance on July 4th, the district will follow optional masking starting next Tuesday, July 6th. This will apply to the summer programs and building staff. We in the district fully endorse the recommendation that non vaccinated individuals continue to use a facemask.

The wearing of face masks on school buses will continue regardless of vaccination status, both in the summer and the 2021-2022 school year.

School districts need to retain the ability to shift to full or partial virtual learning when individuals, groups, classes, or the school need virtual instruction due to a COVID outbreak requiring isolation/quarantine of students and staff.

3ft social distancing is encouraged. The requirement for 6ft distance to remove a mask to eat lunch or snack has been lifted. Snack breaks and in-school lunch will return in 2021-2022. The summer programs will continue with grab-and-go breakfast/lunch.

School reopens for 2021-2022 on Thursday, September 9, 2021 with the following start times:

- FIS 8:00am
- PAE 8:35am
- FLC 9:05am

Parents of graduating 8th graders will continue to receive these blasts until Thursday, July 29th when we will "roll over" our students in our computer system from the 2020-2021 year school and grade to the 2021-2022 school and grade. We wish all the best to our former 8th graders in their high school years.

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent