

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This blast is issued jointly by myself as outgoing Superintendent and Dr. Howe as incoming Superintendent. Dr. Howe will take over duties as Superintendent tomorrow, September 1st.

Flyers

The Latino Festival of Monmouth County will be held on Saturday, September 18th. Details [here](#).

Information on various vaccine clinics running in Monmouth County in September is listed [here](#).

Contacts:

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

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

Return to School Procedures:

- For 2021-2022, schools will be open full day, all day, for in-person instruction.
- There will be no parental virtual instruction choice option like last year. All students will have to be present in school.
- Per EO-251, all students and staff will need to be masked while indoors, except when eating and drinking or engaged in high intensity physical activity.
- Per the Road Forward, masks will be required on the school buses unless waived by the operating district for excessive heat.
- Medical exemption requests for mask wearing must be submitted in writing and accompanied by medical documentation justifying the request. The district medical officer will review all requests and rule whether the request is justified.
- Requests for a waiver of the in school attendance requirement for immune compromised students will need to be submitted in writing with accompanying medical documentation. These requests will also be reviewed by the district medical officer.
- We will be ready to switch to full or partial remote learning when individuals, groups of students, particular classes, or the whole school need virtual remote instruction due to a COVID outbreak requiring isolation/quarantine of students and staff.
- The district has enough technology devices to support all students being on remote instruction, if needed. If that decision is necessary, grades 1-8 will use Chromebooks. Grades Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will use an iPad.
- The requirement for 6ft distance to remove a mask to eat has been lifted by the Road Forward guidance. In-school breakfast, snack breaks and lunch will return in 2021-2022. We will use plastic dividers and assigned seating in the lunchroom.

Upcoming Events:

Tue, Aug 31: New Teacher Orientation
Wed, Sep 1: New Teacher Orientation
Thu, Sep 2: Teacher PD Day #1
Fri, Sep 3: Teacher PD Day #2

Mon, Sep 6: Labor Day, schools closed

Tue, Sep 7: Rosh Hashanah, schools closed

Wed, Sep 8: Rosh Hashanah, schools closed

Thu, Sep 9: 1st Day of School for Students (FIS 8am, PAE 8:35am, FLC 9:05am)

Thu, Sep 16: Yom Kippur, schools closed

Mon, Sep 20: Early Dismissal

Mon, Sep 20: FLC Back-to-School Night 6pm-8pm (Virtual)

Mon, Sep 20: FIS Back-to-School Night 7pm-9pm (Virtual)

Tue, Sep 21: Early Dismissal

Tue, Sep 21: PAE Back-to-School Night 7pm-9pm (Virtual)

Final Thoughts:

As surely most of you know by now, I am retiring from my position. It has been my distinct honor to serve as Superintendent of the Freehold Borough Public Schools for these past eight plus years. Together we have accomplished many important improvements for the betterment of our students.

I am most appreciative to the Board, faculty and staff for their support, and to you our parents and guardians who have been such critical partners in all our achievements. I also extend my sincere well wishes to Dr. Howe as he takes the reins of the district. Our district is in an excellent position to continue to serve the varied needs of our students and to help them grow and reach their maximum potential. The Superintendent transition will not be a disruption, but rather an affirmation that the commonly held vision in the district of how to effectively serve our students is both strong and consistent.

As I move into retirement, I am at peace that the district is ready to face its many ongoing challenges. But more than that, I want you to remember how proud I am of your children, our students. They have made this work very special and I will miss them the most.

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent

