

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The district has completed the rollover of students into their 2021-2022 schools and grade levels. We welcome our new Pre-K and Kindergarten parents. I send these Superintendent Blasts on a frequent basis. Look for them to get an early heads up on key events that are happening in the district. Your building Principal will be sending information as well.

Flyers:

The Freehold Borough Police Department is looking to hire crossing guards. 15 hours per week @\$14.45 per hour Monday – Friday while school is in session. Training is available – Please Call Monica Bernaducci 732 462-1233 Ext. 102 for an application.

Contacts:

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

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

Summer Upcoming Events:

Fri, Jul 30: Last day for 21st Century programs

Fri, Jul 30: 8th grade graduation for summer students (3pm, PAC gym)

Mon, Aug 2: SpEd ESY and Learning Acceleration Programs continue at FLC Mon-Thu

Mon, Aug 2: Food distribution continues 8am-12pm, Mon-Thu, rear of PAC

Mon, Aug 9: SpEd ESY continues at FLC Mon-Thu

Mon, Aug 9: Food distribution continues 8am-12pm, Mon-Thu, rear of PAC

Mon, Aug 9: Last day for Learning Acceleration Program

Mon, Aug 9: BOE Meeting (7pm)

Thu, Aug 12: Last day for Special Education Extended Year Program

Thu, Aug 12: Last day of summer food distribution

Mon, Aug 30: BOE Meeting (7pm)

Return to School Procedures:

Earlier this week the CDC issued recommendations, among which is that all staff and students in K-12 return to wearing a mask. As of this writing the Governor, NJ Department of Health, and NJ Department of Education have not modified their directives to K-12 schools which had face masks as optional.

As repeatedly warned by the Governor, different circumstances may necessitate different rules, but as of today, we are still operating under the rules/guidance listed below:

-For 2021-2022, schools will be open full day, full time, for in-person instruction.

-There will be no parental virtual instruction choice option. All students will have to be present in school. Medical exemptions for immune compromised students will need to be decided on a case-by-case basis, supported with proper medical documentation and approved by the district's medical officer.

-Masking will be optional, but highly recommended for those not vaccinated. As of today we are unaware of any changes to guidance coming from the state, despite the new CDC recommendations.

-The wearing of face masks on school buses will continue regardless of vaccination status, unless waived due to excessive heat.

-School districts must be able 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 and as needed, grades 1-8 will use Chromebooks. Grades Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will use an iPad.

-3ft social distancing is encouraged. The requirement for 6ft distance to remove a mask to eat has been lifted. In-school breakfast, snack breaks and lunch will return in 2021-2022.

-We anticipate running the YMCA before/after care programs so long as there is sufficient interest from parents. The information flyer is listed in English [here](#); in Spanish [here](#).

2021-2022 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

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

Tue, Sep 21: Early Dismissal

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

On a final note, the Board of Education has announced that Dr. Joseph Howe, our current Assistant Superintendent of Business, has been selected as the next Superintendent in Freehold Borough, effective 9/1/21. Press release [here](#). I will be retiring and my last day in the district will be 8/31/21. Dr. Howe has been intimately involved in all of our recent successes. I am confident that the district and your students will be well served.

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic
Superintendent

