



Olga Hugelmeyer
Superintendent of Schools

November 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our district has worked diligently to meet the needs of our students as we progress toward welcoming them back to school. We are prepared to provide in-person learning support to our students in Phase I, using recommended health and safety protocols to make this transition safely and responsibly.

On Monday, November 9, we will open in-person instruction for one of our Special Education Programs. Please refer to our *Family Guide to Return to School* <https://www.epsnj.org/Page/4125> for access to information regarding the extensive protective measures that have been put in place to make the return to school safe for children. In addition, we have provided a video that demonstrates how a day of in-person instruction will look as we welcome back our students. This overview will include the protocols that will be followed by our families for each day in-person instruction takes place and the safety measures that will be taken daily by all of our team members.

Our Division of Special Services has communicated details regarding this transition to Phase I families, and transportation information for Phase I students is available in PowerSchool.

Effective Monday, November 9, our Phase I Special Education students will attend in-person instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Wednesdays will be reserved for remote instruction to allow for a deep school-wide cleaning.

Teachers will be available daily to interact with their students through virtual support from 1:41pm- 2:14pm at the high school level and 2:00pm-3:00pm at the Pre-K – grade 8 level. Teacher interaction in the afternoon may include small/whole group instruction, peer to peer instruction, follow up, questions, and check-in. Full-time distance learning has been made available for students in high-risk health categories or who are not comfortable returning to school in-person.

Office of the Superintendent of Schools

The following schedule will be for all Phase I Special Education students:

Schedule: Pre-K – Grade 8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person 8:20 am – 12:39 pm		Remote Learning 8:20 am – 12:39 pm	In-Person 8:20 am – 12:39 pm	
Virtual Support 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm		Virtual Support 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Virtual Support 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	

Schedule: Grades 9 – 12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person 7:30 am – 12:22 pm		Remote Learning 7:30 am – 12:22 pm	In-Person 7:30 am – 12:22 pm	
Virtual Support 1:41 pm – 2:14 pm		Virtual Support 1:41 pm – 2:14 pm	Virtual Support 1:41 pm – 2:14 pm	

As we have done throughout the past months, we will rely on guidance from health experts, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New Jersey Department of Health, and the City of Elizabeth Health Officer, as well as the New Jersey Department of Education.

Elizabeth Public Schools remains strongly committed to educating our students with health, wellness, and safety as a primary concern. We will continue to provide all students the best educational experience possible, with the academic and social-emotional support they need to learn during these challenging times.

Sincerely,



Olga Hugelmeyer