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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At last night's Elizabeth Board of Education meeting, I was happy to present a plan that will physically reopen schools for our families who choose the In-Person Learning option for their children. As we continue to monitor our local health data, we are optimistic that we will be able to begin bringing select groups of students back in an In-Person Learning model on Monday, April 19, 2021. Additional students will begin to return on April 26, 2021.

We also know that the In-Person Learning model does not fit the needs of every family or student. Therefore, families may still choose to have children attend school in the 100% virtual model for the remainder of the school year.

As we move toward reopening, the safety of our school community remains our top priority. To that end, our health and safety plan will guide many of our practices and procedures. To properly schedule each student, the district requests that families complete the following survey at <https://links.epsnj.org/i85k5mj2> **before 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24** to indicate your learning preference for your child/children. You will only need to complete one survey per family.

You may choose from the following options for your child/children:

**Option One:**

- In-Person (Two days a week defined as Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday with alternating Wednesday) **OR**

**Option Two:**

- 100% Virtual (Five days a week)

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**In-Person Model:**

In order to comply with CDC guidelines, all classrooms have a maximum number of students in accordance with six feet social distancing, as required. As a result, students will be placed in two groups per classroom: Group A and Group B.

Schedule: Pre-K – Grade 8: **8:20 am – 12:39 pm**

Schedule: Grades 9 – 12: **7:30 am – 12:22 pm**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>
<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>	<b>GROUP B</b>

Early information is critical to the planning of many parts of our school program, including social distancing protocols. The information you provide will help us to most efficiently plan for what’s ahead. If you don’t respond to the preference form, your student will automatically be assigned to In-Person Learning.

Our updated reopening plan guide can be found [here](#). You can access information regarding the extensive protective measures that have been put in place to make the return to school safe for children.

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.

We will continue communicating regularly about our plan to reopen the Elizabeth Public Schools.

Sincerely,



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