



# Willingboro Public Schools

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Greetings, Garfield East ECDC Family:

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

WELCOME! We are excited to welcome students to the Garfield East ECDC building for in-person learning. Students in Groups A and C will return to school on Monday, April 19, 2020. All students in Group B will return to school on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Students should arrive between 8:40 and 9:15 a.m. We ask parents who plan to have their child eat breakfast in school to please make every effort to reach school by 9:00 a.m.

The Willingboro Public School District takes great pride in establishing and maintaining a safe, nurturing, and academically stimulating environment where children can grow, develop, and enhance their learning. Our staff has worked diligently to ensure that the school environment is clean and safe for students. Also, the District has purchased state-of-the-art sanitizing equipment and materials to ensure that the school is sanitized daily.

Please discuss the importance of wearing a mask, washing hands for twenty seconds, and maintaining social distancing protocol with your child. All students and staff are required to follow these safety measures at all times while on the premises. Teachers will review Safety protocols and procedures with our students daily. Note, any child who is experiencing symptoms related to the COVID-19 virus must stay at home. Additional information regarding Option 1: Hybrid Instruction may be found at <https://www.willingboroschools.org/o/willingboro-school-district/page/option-1-hybrid-instruction>.

The GE School Counselor, Ms. Antinette Hooks, has created a newsletter to provide parents and teachers with ideas for helping children deal with change or anxiety. You may access the newsletter by clicking on the following link, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TfFnSZ4QdNeCuoeye2UwSKsZMIer69gq/view?usp=sharing>. Ms. Hooks has also selected two videos to help students transition to in-person learning or help students with anxiety or change. You may view the videos with your child by clicking on <https://youtu.be/uH1oGgNaA3Q> and <https://youtu.be/7PKEuB8W1NI>.

We acknowledge that this is a challenging time for everyone. Our goal is to work collaboratively with parents to ensure that we meet the needs of every child. If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Hooks via telephone at (609) 835-8990 on extension 5501. You may also reach me via email at [talucas@wboe.net](mailto:talucas@wboe.net) or Ms. Hooks at [ahooks@wboe.net](mailto:ahooks@wboe.net). We will gladly take the time to speak with you or email you to answer your questions or concerns.

We look forward to seeing everyone who returns for in-person learning and providing a continuous learning experience for our students on remote instruction.

Sincerely,

*Teresa-Anne Lucas*

Mrs. Teresa-Anne Lucas, Principal