

Anonymous Attendee 01:34 PM

Are you starting the event soon?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:46 PM

we started at 1:35

Anonymous Attendee 01:35 PM

1. How will lunch be set up? With Delta more contagious, is last years set up of sitting 6 feet apart sufficient?
2. For band, they have these special masks. However, air still comes out the valves and breathed in when playing. Last year with so few people in and being able to spread out, that might have been ok. Is that sufficient this year? I know some schools had band outdoors. Would this be considered?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:47 PM

1. Doing our best but can't guarantee 6 feet.
2. Yes. Can do band outside at times.

Anonymous Attendee 01:36 PM

Will remote synchronous learning be provided for kids who are required to be quarantined?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:47 PM

1. Not part of the plan as of now.

Anonymous Attendee 01:36 PM

When school starts ?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:47 PM

students on September 9th

Anonymous Attendee 01:40 PM

Status of vaccine mandate for teachers please?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:48 PM

No mandated yet. I do have a feeling that Gov. Murphy will require it.

Dan Cea 01:41 PM

Will all teachers be vaccinated this year? If not can you share the percentage vaccinated?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:48 PM

I don't have the %. I think Gov Murphy may require it.

Anonymous Attendee 01:46 PM

Will there be mandatory COVID vaccines for students eligible?

Vincent Caputo (You) 01:48 PM

yes. You can walk into any clinic

Sarah Herrmann 01:47 PM

if a student has to quarantine due to exposure from another student in the classroom - will this be counted as absences against the student?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:03 PM

No. I don't think so. Still awaiting confirmation from state.

Jessica Weiss 01:49 PM

if a teacher comes down with covid, will the whole class have to quarantine?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:04 PM

not necessarily - depends on close contact status

Anonymous Attendee 01:50 PM

Is there a possibility of virtual learning option?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:04 PM

no. not at this time. per The Road Forward.

Anoop Kaushik 01:51 PM

Can you talk about the pre, post, and during the school cleaning process to eliminate chances of infection?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:05 PM

Yes. Will discuss - it's 2.2

Anonymous Attendee 01:53 PM

lunch won't be guaranteed to be 6 feet apart unmasked indoors?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:12 PM

we are doing our best.

April Compertore 01:55 PM

Have you found out if bus drivers through Dappers, have to be vaccinated?

Brian Glassberg 02:36 PM

Don't know. He will ask.

David Aitken 01:55 PM

Does vaccine mandate extend to all school staff?

Brian Glassberg 02:34 PM

Yes, (or testing) we believe so. We found out via twitter about 2 hours ago.

Carla Cole 01:58 PM

How are we verifying that a teacher or student who is eligible to be vaccinated is vaccinated?

Brian Glassberg 02:35 PM

They are presumed close contact and would have to show vaccination to get out of quarantine. Teachers would need to be tested if they don't want to show quarantine status.

Anonymous Attendee 01:58 PM

If lunch is indoors unmasked and less than 6 feet part, your might have a lot of people quarantining

Brian Glassberg 02:34 PM

Correct, they are trying to spread out the students.

Kimberly Acevedo 01:58 PM

What happens if there are 2 or more positive cases within a 1 week period in a single classroom?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:12 PM

the matrix has not been updated from last year. I can't that yet.

Anonymous Attendee 02:01 PM

How will nurses be trained to distinguish allergies from covid symptoms?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:11 PM

yes. but sometimes they can't. they need to establish baseline with the parent

Anonymous Attendee 02:06 PM

Will all classrooms in MHS have Hepa filters?

Brian Glassberg 02:37 PM

They have MNerv-13 filters, which is a high level. Cafeteria has HEPA

Anonymous Attendee 02:07 PM

what is your procedure on home schooling until kids are vaccinated.

Brian Glassberg 02:37 PM

Home schooling requires you to unenroll your child from our schools.

Carissa Mccarthy 02:12 PM

So if a child is not vaccinate but the parents are and the family travels outside the tri-state area over a weekend or a school break, the student must quarentine before returning to school?

William Ortman 02:35 PM

That is correct

K Chaplin 02:13 PM

Will the school close if there is an outbreak? What constitutes an outbreak, and how would learning occur?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:10 PM

remote learning if we were shut doen by the county

Prisha Shrestha 02:15 PM

what supplies should there be for the highscool? there isn't a specific list

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:10 PM

we don't require much. Contact the school

Kangeyan Pach 02:15 PM

Can you explain why there is no remote / virtual learning options at all ?

Brian Glassberg 02:38 PM

This is currently a rule by the state of NJ.

Michele Gouveia 02:16 PM

Will masks be required in the classrooms on excessively hot days?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:09 PM

yes

Anonymous Attendee 02:16 PM

can you please consider placing partitions between kids in the classroom

Brian Glassberg 02:38 PM

There is information that partitions negatively affect air flow and may actually cause more problems then they solve.

Anonymous Attendee 02:16 PM

If an elementary age child needs to quarantine after out of state travel based on CDC guide lines will they be part of the quarantined instruction? Will they be considered absent if they have to quarantine

due to travel versus COVID exposure? Just thinking of when people may travel during the holidays to see family.

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:09 PM

exclusion = not absent but travel = absent

Mike Li 02:16 PM

Do kids need to bring their own lock for their locker and if yes, is there a specific type of locks they should use?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:08 PM

contact school

Carrie Lin 02:16 PM

how many days do students have to quarantine after traveling outside of the tri states?

Brian Glassberg 02:42 PM

I believe they can return after 7 days if they get a test on day 3-5. Otherwise I believe it is 10 days. School can confirm.

Anonymous Attendee 02:17 PM

I apologize if this was answered already, I had to get on late. Have you reviewed the plan for protocol if there is an exposure at school in terms of quarantine for those vaccinated AND/OR those unvaccinated etc.

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:09 PM

yes

Mary Barrett 02:17 PM

With no remote option, how will hot days or snow days be handled? Last year you called those as half day remote days. With no AC in many classrooms and masks required, it will be a tough day for the kids.

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:07 PM

make up snow days

Yaritza Rosario 02:17 PM

Can you provide more specific information as to what are the instruction options if & when a child needs to quarantine?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:07 PM

as we develop them

Matt and Robyn Smith 02:17 PM

I'm a teacher in Woodbridge and I have indicated on my school webpage that I am fully vaccinated so that my students' parents know my status. Is there a way for parents in Metuchen to know if their children's teachers are vaccinated?

Brian Glassberg 02:54 PM

It can't be mandated, but nothing stops a teacher from saying it!

Stephanie Dupree 02:17 PM

how many kids will be in each class at campbell ?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:06 PM

20-23

Pinkin Panchal 02:17 PM

What about immunocompromised students, what are their options? who do we contact and how will safety be maintained for these studnets?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:34 PM

No remote option. Contact principal with specific questions

Elvia 02:17 PM

Can you please address the need for shade during outside lunch at Edgar School? Will tents be provided for the students to use during lunch time? thank you

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:34 PM

Good point. I will speak to Mrs. Azevedo and Mrs. Evans

Pinkin Panchal 02:18 PM

Campbell Elementary was not at full capacity at the end of the school year, as remote option was available ...so how will the total number of children 22+ be able to maintain social distancing?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:35 PM

Our position is three feet when practicable, as per the NJDOE

diego and gabby perdomo 02:18 PM

How do I find out what the curriculum is going to be taught for 5th grade? CRT ect

Richard Cohen 02:20 PM

Curriculum can be reviewed by making an appointment to view the curricula requested at central office. An appointment can be arranged with Becky Colegrove, Admin Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent.

Anonymous Attendee 02:19 PM

Will there be any kind of notification if there is a case in my child's classroom, but my child did not technically have a close contact?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:36 PM

Yes. We will continue emailing the entire school community when there is a case.

Anonymous Attendee 02:20 PM

Is there going to be assigned seating for lunch for Edgar and MHS? If so can they pick who they want to sit with prior to it being set?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:07 PM

yes

Anonymous Attendee 02:20 PM

Will you be stating that gaiter masks aren't considered adequate masking or will they be allowed to be worn by staff and students?

Brian Glassberg 02:54 PM

Gaitor mask is not allowed.

diego and gabby perdomo 02:21 PM

can I please have her contact information?

Carolyn Taylor 03:02 PM

i think this is for transportation? marissa plancher, mplancher@metboe.k12.nj.us - 321.8700 x 1010

stacey House 02:21 PM

Based on "close contact" quarantine protocol, how will this impact grading criteria, if unvaccinated kids are not able to consistently participate in class?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:06 PM

teachers' flexibility

Anonymous Attendee 02:21 PM

More guidance re: high school fall athletes (boys soccer) locker use for changing will be available? game day busing will be available?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:29 PM

MHS bussing yes. Edgar bussing - mostly no. Parents will drive.

Siobhan McGrory 02:22 PM

How will mask non compliance be dealt with in the high school? Is it the teacher's responsibility? Someone else?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:28 PM

starts with student then teacher then VP then principals

diego and gabby perdomo 02:24 PM

@Richard Cohen, thank you for your response. Where can I find Becky Colegrove's contact information?

Richard Cohen 02:34 PM

rcolegrove@metboe.k12.nj.us

Anonymous Attendee 02:27 PM

What qualifies as a true exposure (not necessarily positive but some sort of exposure to a positive case at school) if your child is vaccinated vs if your child isn't old enough to be vaccinated and what does one need to do to be allowed to return to school?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:06 PM

vaxxed and exposed = no exclusion, keep masked, test day 5, unvaxxed and exposed = excluded, test day 5-7, return with neg on day 8, or with no test on day 11. symptoms must stay out

Anonymous Attendee 02:28 PM

Do those days include weekends

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:55 PM

yes

Anonymous Attendee 02:30 PM

What are the mask requirements for student athletes on the sidelines?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:55 PM

encouraged to wear

Mahua Bhattacharya 02:30 PM

Do you plan to have a Dry run for Remote learning so that we don't experience Mar'2020 situation again?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:56 PM

not necessarily but good suggestion

Whitney Guhin 02:31 PM

If a student is quarantining due to close contact at school, do their siblings at the same and other schools in district have to quarantine, too?

Richard Cohen 02:34 PM

No, syblings of a close contact are considered contacts of a contact and do not have to quarantine

Jeni D'Agnes 02:33 PM

How will Campbell lunch be handled. Last year my son sat on the floor both in the classroom and cafeteria. Will tables be available.

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:57 PM

I wasn't aware

K Chaplin 02:34 PM

Sorry to ask again, but my question wasn't answered: Will the school close if there is an outbreak? What constitutes an outbreak, and how would learning occur?

Brian Glassberg 02:45 PM

The county DOH will determine an outbreak. Dr. Caputo reports all of our information to them.

Anonymous Attendee 02:34 PM

If a child is sick but not due to covid(as per doctors, eg strep) do they have to test for covid to return to school?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:57 PM

possibly yes - depending on what doctor says

Anonymous Attendee 02:36 PM

How are mask breaks built in for campbell students, esp 1st graders, many of whom are going to be in school full day for the first time?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:58 PM

idk. Good Q for Dr. Costanza or Mrs. Kirschner

Anonymous Attendee 02:36 PM

if my family takes a trip outside of the tri-state area, does my childs quarantine period count against their attendance

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:49 PM

I don't think so

Melissa M 02:37 PM

It seems like a silly question but what's the way to sign up for the lunch option?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:48 PM

lunch is free for all this year per the USDA

Anonymous Attendee 02:37 PM

Is there going to be assigned seating for lunch for Edgar and MHS? If so can they pick who they want to sit with prior to it being set?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:39 PM

we are trying to have assigned seating

Anonymous Attendee 02:38 PM

If a Campbell student travels to California for Thanksgiving are you expecting that family to report the travel and then quarantine ? It seems unlikely for families to actually report the travel and cause the student further absences from school

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:40 PM

yes. Required to report and quarantine if unvaxxed.

Anonymous Attendee 02:38 PM

With regards to the mandatory quarantine, why would a visit to Times Square or a Knick game be considered safe but a visit to a farm in Vermont would be required to quarantine?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:41 PM

yes.

Anonymous Attendee 02:40 PM

If a family travels out of state and returns back to NJ before school starts within 14 days (parents are vaccinated but child is not), will you have an agenda/plan of what that child will/should do in terms of educational learning before they head back to keep pace with the classroom.

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:43 PM

asynchronous learning until they return - at this point

Anonymous Attendee 02:40 PM

if my family takes a trip outside of the tri-state area, does my child quarantine period count against their attendance...my question was skipped

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:45 PM

I don't think so. Waiting confirmation from state

Sue Cea 02:42 PM

Now that the vaccines are becoming FDA-approved, will the district consider making them mandatory for eligible students as a condition of being in school? (As other vaccinations are treated?)

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:44 PM

not until state does

Anonymous Attendee 02:43 PM

Unfortunately this is not a yes or no question so I am resubmitting. With regards to the mandatory quarantine, WHY would a visit to Times Square or a Knick game be considered safe but a visit to a farm in Vermont would be required to quarantine?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:44 PM

I understand your question. See NJDOH

Carla Cole 02:44 PM

Can we ask Dapper to have hand sanitizer installed at the door of the bus so students can sanitize upon entering and leaving the bus?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:46 PM

We can't require. I suggest you send your child with sanitizer.

K Chaplin 02:46 PM

Again, my question wasn't answered: Will the school close if there is an outbreak? What constitutes an outbreak, and how would learning occur?

Brian Glassberg 02:47 PM

This is determined by the county DOH. We supply them with all positive cases.

Caroline Accumanno 02:47 PM

What does asynchronous learning mean?

Brian Glassberg 02:47 PM

It means that the student is learning separate from the live class.... in other words, not "rooming and zooming"

Anonymous Attendee 02:48 PM

If a child is sick but not due to covid(as per doctors, eg strep) do they have to test for covid to return to school?

Brian Glassberg 02:49 PM

There is not a testing requirement to return from illness if there was no close contact or covid+

Anonymous Attendee 02:48 PM

There are upcoming walk throughs for new students at the High School and Edgar. It is my understanding that at the high school, one parent will be permitted to enter the building with the child. At Edgar school, only students are permitted to enter the building. Based on the age differences and developmental differences in the student base at the HS vs Edgar, I would like to understand that inconsistency?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:50 PM

principal choice.

Carissa Mccarthy 02:48 PM

when will we get general info about the buses? it will come in the mail, correct?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:52 PM

contact marissa plancher

Anonymous Attendee 02:48 PM

Young child quarantining due to travel, will this count as an absence?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:51 PM

yes

Anonymous Attendee 02:49 PM

is there a way for the entire school district to be notified of all cases in the district, as opposed to just what school our children are in? I ask because I know other districts do this act now. Anyway to change that?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:51 PM

no

Melissa M 02:49 PM

Thanks for the answer about lunch- I was thinking there was some sort of sign up. I appreciate everything you all have been doing and thanks for keeping so calm.

Brian Glassberg 02:49 PM

You're welcome!

Shireen Rizvi 02:49 PM

If this was addressed in first hour then please ignore (I will watch video later) - what learning opportunities will be available for younger children who have to miss several days due to quarantine?

Brian Glassberg 02:50 PM

Dr. Herzog answered so it is best to watch her words, but it continues to be a work in progress.

Caroline Accumanno 02:49 PM

Thanks Brian. It sounds like the plan for asynchronous learning is still being defined- is that correct?

Brian Glassberg 02:51 PM

Yes it is. The goal is to educate the students, but avoid "rooming and zooming" wherever possible because it seems to be a worse experience for everyone. (That is a little bit of me editorializing rather than official policy at this time.)

Mahua Bhattacharya 02:49 PM

Can we please have a Dry run of the remote periodically so that we can avoid Mar'2020 situation in case it arises.

Thanks for all your hard work. Appreciate it.

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:53 PM

we'll discuss

Anonymous Attendee 02:50 PM

Moss school is half day but if we do the wrap around with YMCA, is lunch provided or are we expected to bring lunch?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:53 PM

not sure. contact moss

Kangeyan Pach 02:50 PM

Is there a place we can look up mask types allowed on school campus ?

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:53 PM

cloth or surgical or N95. no gaiters.

Prashanth 02:50 PM

Please provide process for requesting homeschooling for child with IEP and child in general education

Vincent Caputo (You) 02:54 PM

homeschooling is pulling your child out of the school system

Sue Cea 02:51 PM

What is planned in order to assess and mitigate learning loss from the past 1.5 years?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:00 PM

all evidence we've collected says that we didn't experience aggregate learning loss

Lanton 02:51 PM

Will there be any in person event for CES students prior to first day of school, similar to Edgar and MHS?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:00 PM

yes. 9/2

Kimberly Acevedo 02:51 PM

For the upcoming meetings, could the panelists go into more detail about what “asynchronous learning” will look like for Campbell students? Does that mean materials will be provided to parents who will then have to home school her child?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:00 PM

Sure. We don't exactly know where we will be by Sept 9

Anonymous Attendee 02:53 PM

With the start of school approaching, when will the instruction plan for quarantine learning be made available and how will it be communicated? (I understand this is a fluid situation and appreciate the thought going into it)

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:01 PM

sure

Anonymous Attendee 02:54 PM

This is not a question but thank you for being transparent and having careful consideration with all these issues and having the goal be the safety of the children. I read articles with what is going on in other states and glad we live where we live.

Brian Glassberg 02:55 PM

We appreciate hearing this!

Anonymous Attendee 02:54 PM

Can you please provide more information on kids that tested positive? Are there any lessons learnt from this

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:02 PM

yes. Many were unvaxxed

Lanton 02:54 PM

Meet the Teacher or Back to School nights, will that be virtual again or in person?

Brian Glassberg 02:56 PM

Still in discussion. May still be virtual.

Mrs. Jenkins 02:54 PM

Are the Crayola masks okay?

Brian Glassberg 02:57 PM

Cloth masks are ok. Surgical masks are better. KN95 are best.

Anonymous Attendee 02:55 PM

Can you please explain how the kids will be safely distanced and/or protected from weather outside at the HS while eating lunch.

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:01 PM

we'll do our best

Anonymous Attendee 02:55 PM

Mask breaks at campbell - are they built in or at teacher discretion? esp for first graders?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:02 PM

I think teacher discretion

Sue Cea 02:55 PM

I understand if you don't know the answer about assessing learning loss. Who is responsible for determining the answer and planning the district's approach?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:03 PM

me

Krithika McPherson 02:55 PM

Are clubs in operation this year?

Brian Glassberg 02:56 PM

Yes!

Marisol De Los Santos 02:56 PM

Also what will be done to assess and mitigate learning loss from the past 1.5 years?

Brian Glassberg 02:58 PM

Dr. Caputo will answer that now.

Krithika McPherson 02:56 PM

The back to school being virtual was much more efficient!

Brian Glassberg 02:57 PM

Thank you for the feedback!

Anonymous Attendee 03:00 PM

Does the district have a math supervisor?

Richard Cohen 03:01 PM

Yes to Math Supervisor, Kathleen Henn

Mary Barrett 03:01 PM

Is the school still closed to outside groups (like Girl Scouts, etc)?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:03 PM

no. we are open

Michael Hosein 03:03 PM

Will the testing Bus be back this year at the high school or at Campbell/Edgar?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:04 PM

Borough thing - Kai's cafe

Anonymous Attendee 03:03 PM

how.many.kids tested positive as a result.of.transmission from.school

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:04 PM

none that we know

Anonymous Attendee 03:06 PM

What about a student who tested positive in the last 90 days? Do they need to quarantine?

Brian Glassberg 03:08 PM

We will look into it.

Kathy Busch 03:08 PM

One more time for clarification:

If you are vaccinated and travel outside the tristate area, do you need to test and quarantine?

Brian Glassberg 03:09 PM

The vaccinated student does not need to test and quarantine.

Anonymous Attendee 03:09 PM

Vaccination badges help to identify who is vaccinated. These are being used in the.companies for.people to easily.identify who.is vaccinated

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:12 PM

not doing

Serlee Valeros 03:09 PM

Why is traveling outside the tristate area require quarantine now? Is that a new state mandate?

Vincent Caputo (You) 03:13 PM

not new

Anonymous Attendee 03:09 PM

Would you consider 1/2 day calls to get credit for the day?