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Dear Edgewater Community,

As August is coming to a close and our school year is upon us, I wanted to reach out and let you know about some of the many projects that have been happening at EVG and GW. We are proud to announce many updates and you will see Edgewater is moving onward and upward. We look forward to building upon our existing strengths and taking them to new places. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our students and look forward to having buildings full of learning, laughter, and growth.

Our building and grounds team has been working non-stop to get ready for the arrival of our students. I would like to publicly thank Mr. Gannon and his crew. We are happy to report we have repaired 110 windows and insect screens at EVG to make operable and functional windows in each classroom, installed and upgraded fan in extractor hood at EVG to increase ventilation, installed a new condenser in EVG's walk-in freezer, installed new heating and cooling coil in EVG cafeteria to increase airflow performance, rebuilt heat exchange wheel at EVG cafeteria to increase climate control operations, installed 100 yds of mulch at EVG playground, and a complete upgrade to all lighting systems with high-efficiency low energy LED lighting at both EVG and GW.

An additional thanks to our technology team, Mr. Arcilla and Mr. Fay. They have been also making upgrades to ensure a smooth transition back to school. We have upgraded EVG's wifi, completed fiber connection between the two buildings, installed 4 Smartboards, added wifi access points to GW's main office, and updated student and staff devices. We are excited to also announce our newly upgraded website that will launch in the weeks to come. Our new website is more user-friendly and we want to thank the teachers and parents for their input that guided the design.

As stated by the governor Monday, August 23, all staff members will need to be vaccinated or they will need to get weekly testing. Additionally, at this time, New Jersey does not have a travel ban but the CDC does have guidelines for unvaccinated and vaccinated people. At this time these are guidelines and not mandates. Please follow this link to see [CDC guidelines](#). Additionally, the [Road Forward](#) document is attached. On page 13 of this document, it states the requirements for virtual learning. Please see below.

“LEAs may be confronted with the incidence of COVID-19 positive cases amongst staff and/or students. If an LEA is required to exclude a student, group of students, a class, or multiple classes as a result of the scenarios listed above, while the school itself remains open for in-person instruction, the LEA should be prepared to offer virtual or remote instruction to those students in a manner commensurate with in-person instruction to the extent possible. In

circumstances when the school facilities remain open and in-person instruction continues in those classrooms that are not required to quarantine, those days in session will also count towards the district's 180-day requirement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.2”

I know everyone wants to know.....when will they have access to their child's teacher. The parent portal will open on August 30th at 4:00 p.m. This year there are some changes. When you go into the Parent Portal you will be asked to view and read different documents. These documents will include Harassment Intimidation and Bullying laws, Laptop Agreement form, Internet Use form, Dismissal Arrangement form, Health Insurance Disclosure, and Parent Health Screening Acknowledgement. We have put these documents in Genesis to assist in becoming a greener district and help streamline this process. Please read all of this information carefully. We are asking parents to screen their children before coming to school and will not be filling out a daily wellness form. Please read the Health Screening Acknowledgement carefully. Each family's diligence keeps us all safer.

Before the middle of next week, you will receive a detailed handbook that will explain the nuances of the day for each building. I will also be presenting at the September 1st PTO meeting. This meeting will allow us to communicate our opening specifics with the community.

Families that are new to Edgewater, you will be receiving information via email from Grace Sepero regarding the Parent Portal....keep an eye out for it!

I hope you all enjoy the last few days of your summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone on September 8th!

Sincerely,

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