

# Fair Lawn Public Schools

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**Nicholas J. Norcia**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Fair Lawn Community,

On Friday, June 26, 2020, Governor Murphy released the New Jersey Department of Education's state guidelines for reopening schools and announced that New Jersey schools will be open for in-person classes in September 2020 with the safety of students and staff a top priority.

The guidelines are part of the state's "Road Back" restart and recovery plan, and were compiled by New Jersey education officials with input from school district officials, parents/guardians and school communities. While the state has provided districts with a baseline of standards, they have also given districts the flexibility to implement a strategy that works best for each school district.

In anticipation of this announcement, we have already assembled a districtwide reopen committee with many subcommittees that address scheduling, cleaning protocols, social distancing, PPE, technology, etc., and have been meeting weekly. Planning efforts will continue over the summer to formulate a plan that works best for our school district and one that is versatile. We will be guided by data from local and state health departments and as such, our plan will be flexible. The plan will be released to you in early August and you will have ample time to digest and speak to your child/children about the district's new reentry protocols.

Moving forward, we will be creating a new Reopen Plans page on our district/school websites and adding protocols by subject matter to answer your questions. Communication will be key as there are many moving parts; look for continued communication from me and our administration on our reopen plans over the summer, in the fall and during the 2020-2021 school year.

As we look to the 2020-2021 school year, our main priority is the safety of your children, our teachers and staff, and the continuity of learning. We want to welcome everyone back in a safe and healthy learning environment in September.

Wishing everyone a restful summer. I believe you've all earned it.

Sincerely,



Nicholas J. Norcia, Superintendent of Schools