



Planning for Reopening

Preliminary Guidance to Families
for a Return to School

Madison Public Schools

July 14, 2020



What we currently know about reopening

- On June 26, NJDOE published [The Road Back](#)
 - Schools are required to reopen in-person
 - Madison plan must be submitted to NJDOE by 8/3
- Returning students to school is important
- Health and safety of students and staff must be paramount
- **A full return for students is concerning to many Madison parents, students and staff**
- A flexible approach is needed as guidelines and health data are subject to change

A Phased Approach for Madison

- Phases allow for multiple models to adapt to health data
- Similar to the State's [Road to Recovery](#), see also [Boulder Valley](#)
- Phase 1 is the presumed model for August 31
- Phase 2 & 3 will be implemented as local health data permits
- Positive health data may result in a Phase 2 or 3 restart

Phase 1 Hybrid w/Early Dismissal

- Students attend school on alternating days/weeks with remote instruction when home.
- Remote accommodations for vulnerable students
- Early dismissal allows for robust cleaning, planning, student support
- Bagged lunches may be served upon leaving

Phase 2 Full Return w/Early Dismissal

- All students attend school every day
- Remote accommodations for vulnerable students
- Early dismissal allows for robust cleaning, planning, student support
- Bagged lunches may be served upon leaving

Phase 3 Full Return w/Full Day

- All students attend school on every day, for a full day
- Remote accommodations for vulnerable students



Phased Opening Considerations

- **Health and Safety** - All Phases will include:
 - Rigorous health, cleaning standards
 - Contact tracing and case response procedures
 - Ventilation improvements, hand washing/sanitizing, PPE, movement restrictions, barriers, etc.
 - Screening procedures and coordination with DOH regarding case responses
- **Face Coverings** - Will be required for all staff and students*; parents should develop mask stamina in children



Phased Opening Considerations

- **Childcare** - Parents must plan for childcare arrangements; the district is seeking childcare solutions to support parents
- **Student Supports** - Counselling, Interventions, Mental Health, ESL, Special Education supported in all phases
- **Grade Levels** - Each school level (Elem, MJS & MHS) has different capabilities and needs - implementation may vary by level.



Planning Framework

The MPS Board, Administration and Restart Committee will work according to the following framework. Sample focus areas include:

Communication/Feedback	Staff and Procedures	Education and Wellness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Surveys ● Collaboration with local groups ● District and school updates to community ● Superintendent Coffees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tracking staff needs/ requests/leaves ● PPE and safety precautions ● Monitoring new legislation ● Training, Prof. development ● Case response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blended/online learning ● Technology ● Curriculum development ● Master Scheduling ● Increased SEL supports ● Athletics concerns
Facilities and Safety	Budget and Transportation	Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ingress/egress/movement ● Cleaning guidelines/SOP's ● Supplies orders ● Building walkthroughs ● Ventilation solutions ● Professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding sources and solutions ● County office guidance ● Cost projections ● Transportation services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of existing policies ● Revisions based on NJSBA and legal guidance ● Tracking items to BOE Committees



How Can Parents Help?

1. Build mask tolerance and stamina in children
2. Explore childcare options
3. Consider substitute teaching for the district
4. Monitor school and district communications
5. Participate in:
 - 7/20 - Superintendent Coffee
 - 7/28 - BOE Meeting
 - 8/10 - Superintendent Coffee
 - 8/18 - BOE Meeting



Appendix

- Important Dates
- Resources for Further Reading



Important Dates

- July 17 - District Reopening Update
- July 28 - MPS Reopening Plan presented at BOE Meeting
- **July 31 - MPS Reopening Plan submitted to NJDOE**
- **July 31 - District/School Reopening Update**
- August 14 - District/School Reopening Update
- August 31 - First Day of 2020-21 School Year



Resources for Further Reading

[NJDOE - The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education](#)

[Chiefs for Change - 2020 Re-Entry Resources](#)

[WHO - Considerations for School-Related Public Health Measures](#)

[AAP - COVID-19 Planning: Guidance for School Re-entry](#)

[CDC - Childcare, Schools, and Youth Programs](#)

[CDC - Activities and Initiative Supporting the COVID-19 Response](#)

[CHoP - Evidence and Considerations for School Reopenings](#)

[ASHRAE - Building Readiness/Reopening Guidance](#)



Questions?

