EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear East Greenwich Township School District Staff and Families,

At our July 29th Board of Education meeting, I provided an update on our plan for September. The presentation is posted on our website. Our current plan reflects the most recent NJ Department of Education guidance, but please be advised the plan will continue to evolve in the next few weeks as more guidance is made available.

Our 2020-2021 calendar was revised to shift 2 staff professional development days prior to the start of the school year. This time will be used to provide training on our new health and safety procedures, as well as provide training on tools to assist in virtual instruction. The first day of school for students is now **Tuesday**, **September 8**th. The revised calendar is available on our website, and it is also attached to this message. The calendar indicates, day by day, which students will be in-person (Cohort A or B) and when all students will be in the remote environment (R).

Below is our district scheduling plan for September. Cohort R, a 100% remote option, is now included. Cohort A (Green) - Students attend in-person school on Monday & Tuesday until 12:40pm. Students engage in remote learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Cohort B (Yellow) - Students engage remote learning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Students attend in-person school on Thursday & Friday until 12:40pm.

Cohort R (Blue) – This option <u>must be selected by the parent/guardian</u>. Students in Cohort R engage in remote learning every day of the week; students do not attend in-person school.

	Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday & Friday
Cohort A (Last Name A-La)	In-person	Remote	Remote
Cohort B (Last Name Lb-Z)	Remote	Remote	In-person
Cohort R (Parent Selected)	Remote	Remote	Remote

Parents have the option to select a 100% remote learning option for their children by <u>Thursday, August 13th.</u> In this model, students will receive 5 days of instruction in a virtual environment. The instruction will include live, virtual sessions and independent tasks. Students will have access to the same print and online materials

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We plan to staff the hybrid model and the 100% remote model with different teachers. Therefore, to ensure continuity of learning for all students and maintenance of socially distanced in-person classroom settings, students may not move in and out of learning models.

- If you select the 100% remote learning model for your child, he or she will remain in the remote learning environment through the end of the first trimester (December 9th). At that time, you may elect to have your child move into a hybrid learning model with two week's written notice to the school principal. Your child will remain in the hybrid learning model through the end of the school year.
- If there are local or family health concerns surrounding COVID-19, you may elect to move your child from the hybrid learning model into the 100% remote learning model with one week's notice to the principal. Your child will remain in the 100% remote learning model through the end of the school year or until we are able to return to a traditional learning model.

As we continue to develop our plan, your feedback is important to us. We ask that you please complete <u>EGSD September Planning Survey</u> by <u>Friday, August 7th</u>. The results of the survey will be used to adjust our plan. If you select Cohort R, 100% remote learning, for your student(s), the school principal will reach out to confirm your choice.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.
Sincerely,
Andrea Evans