

EAST GREENWICH

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring Update

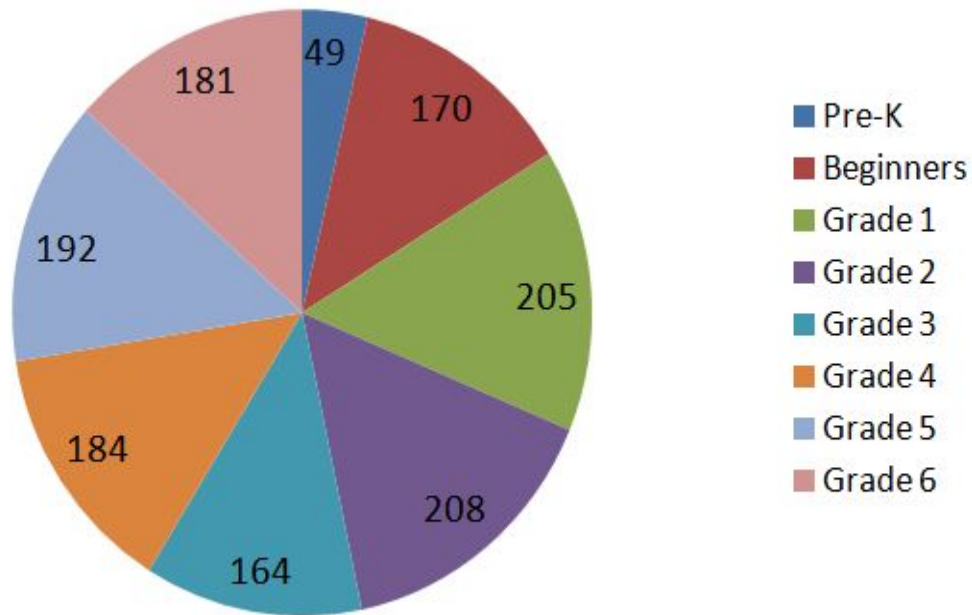
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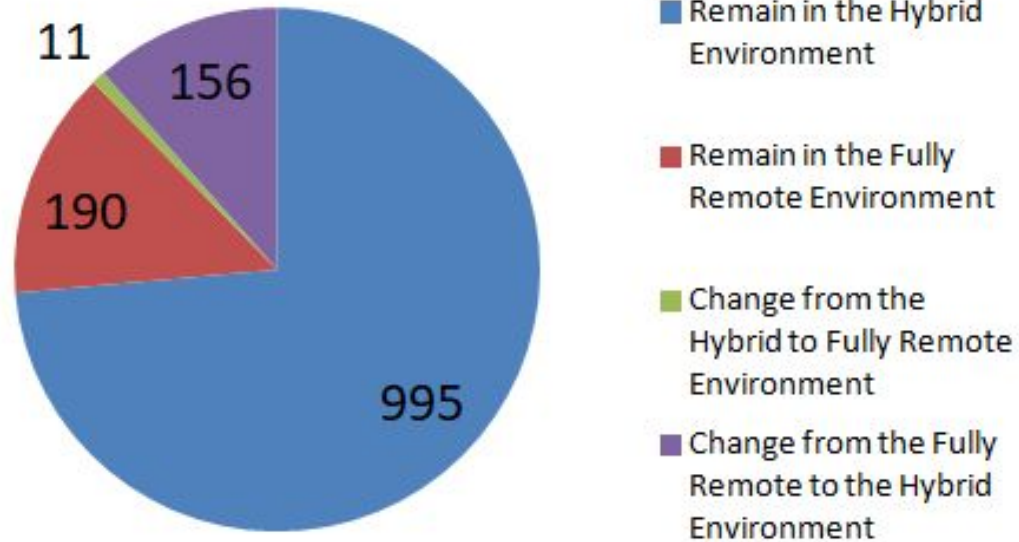
Increasing In-Person Instructional Time



Number of Responses by Grade Level



Learning Environment Selections



Health and Safety Guidance

**New Jersey
Department of Health
Guidance for Schools**

**COVID-19 Activity
Level Index (CALI)
Weekly Report**



**East Greenwich
Office of Emergency
Management**

**EGTSD
Quarantine Cases &
Positive Cases**

Health and Safety Protocols



How can we combine cohorts and remain open through the end of the school year?

Continue to follow health and safety protocols:

- 1. Stay home if you are sick;**
- 2. Stay home if someone in your household has COVID-compatible symptoms;**
- 3. Stay home if someone in your household is positive or being testing for COVID-19;**
- 4. Stay home if you are a close contact of a person with COVID-19**

If you are traveling, please follow quarantine protocols:

- 1. Contact the school nurse;**
- 2. Quarantine for the appropriate time period**

Health and Safety Protocols~ Changes for April 5th



With the combination of cohorts, the ability to social distance is impacted. In most classrooms and on most buses, students **will not be socially distanced.** How will the district continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19?

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

1. Daily symptom screening
2. Wearing a clean, well-fitted mask
3. Washing and/or sanitizing frequently
4. Daily sanitization and disinfection protocols
5. Contact tracing

The district has taken these additional safety measures:

1. Plexiglass shields for student desks
2. Seating plans based on CDC guidance
3. Air purifiers for each classroom & office area



Learning Environment~ Changes for April 5th



What changes can be expected for students in the fully remote learning environment or for students who are changing learning environments?

- One fully remote teacher/grade level will be an in-person teacher.
- Remote students who are assigned to a new homeroom will receive new teacher assignments and schedules on Monday, March 22nd.
- Students transitioning to in-person instruction will receive new teacher assignments and schedules on Monday, March 22nd.
- Students transitioning to in-person instruction will receive new bus passes during the week of March 22nd.

Learning Environment~ Changes for April 5th



What types of changes will be effective April 5th?

- In-person instruction will transition to 5 half-days per week.
- Dismissal begins at 12:40pm.
- Virtual instruction will occur in the afternoons. This may include special areas and small group instruction.
- Special areas will continue virtually.
- Basic Skills will be in-person, but may also include virtual sessions.
- District team meetings will continue on Wednesday afternoons.
- During the week of April 5th, teachers are encouraged to spend time integrating the cohorts and re-establishing and/or revising routines.

Learning Environment~ Changes for April 5th



How will the instructional day differ from a pre-pandemic instructional day?

- Movement around the classroom will be limited. Movement breaks/ brain breaks will continue to be incorporated.
- The sharing of objects must be limited, and if shared, cleaned in between uses. This impacts the opportunity to work with other students, work in stations and work in alternate locations around the room.
- We plan to maximize our outdoor space, and we have purchased additional picnic tables for both buildings.
- We are compiling resources and activities for outdoor activities and games which reflect safety guidelines.

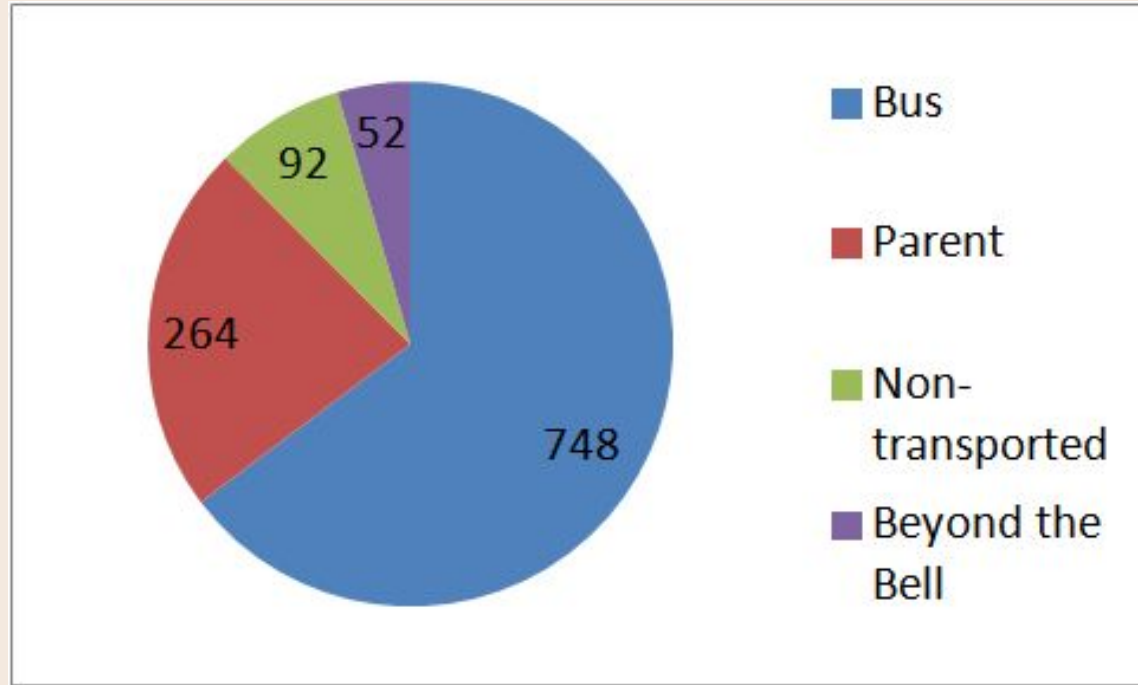
Access to Free Lunch~ Changes for April 5th



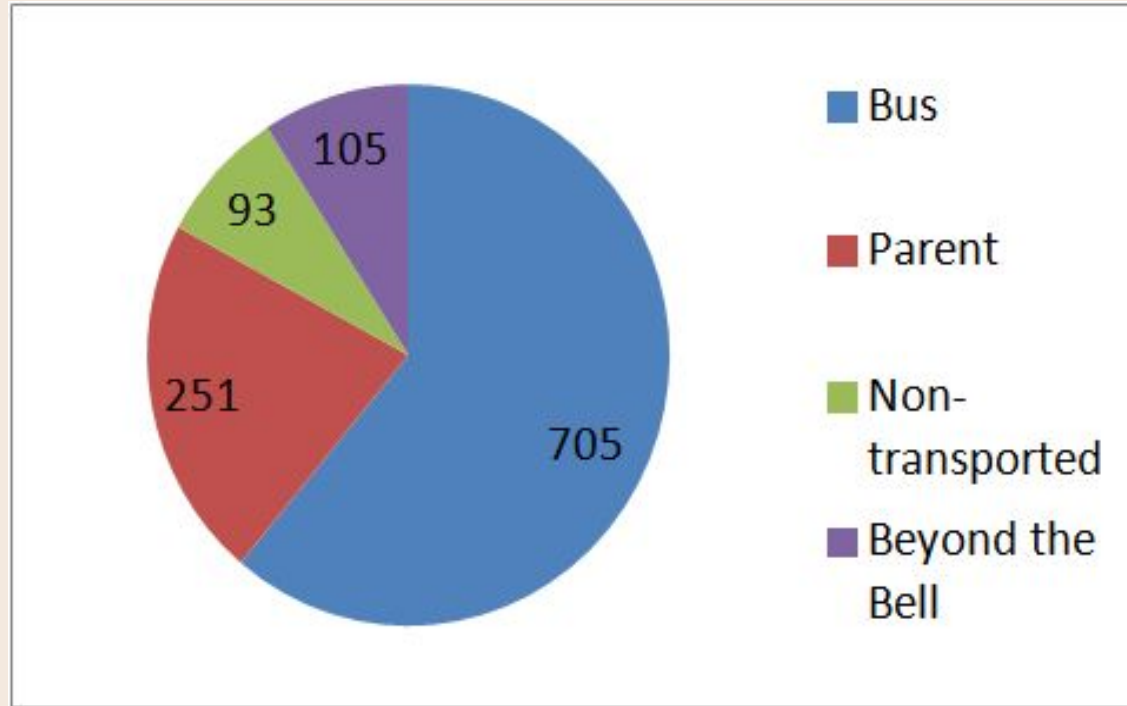
How will free lunch distribution change?

- The lunch form will continue to be sent on Wednesdays and due Fridays for the following week.
- In-person students will receive their free lunches daily.
- Remote student lunches will continue to be available for pick-up on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Please note, this program is fully funded through the USDA at no cost to the district.

Transportation Selections- Arrival



Transportation Selections- Dismissal



Transportation~ Changes for April 5th



Will there be changes to bus routes?

- If a student is returning to in-person instruction, AND bus transportation was indicated on the survey, a bus pass will be issued during the week of March 22nd.
- Bus routes may need to be adjusted to accommodate new stops.
- If a student's pick-up time will be impacted by more than 5 minutes, the parent/guardian will be notified during the week of March 22nd.

Transportation~ Changes for April 5th



How will arrival and dismissal be impacted by the combination of cohorts?

- The number of parents picking up and dropping off students will increase. Please be patient as we adjust to the increased volume.
- The number of students riding buses will increase. Bus departure may be delayed a few minutes until all students and staff are comfortable with the increased volume.
- Construction along Kings Highway is planned for the next several weeks.

Planning Ahead- Spring 2021



What afterschool events and activities will be made available to students?

- We are currently in the Moderate Risk Level, and we are following the NJ DOH's recommendation to "minimize activities that involve interaction with multiple cohorts (i.e. clubs, assemblies, sports)."
- At the Low Risk Level, the NJDOH "permits limited activities involving interaction with multiple cohorts, ensuring adherence to precautions."
 - We are exploring activities students can safely enjoy at this level.
- We are considering all options for our 6th grade Farewell Ceremony.

Planning Ahead- Spring 2021



Why is transportation an obstacle to returning for full days of instruction?

- Transportation services are tiered with other school districts who are not planning to adjust their dismissal times. Due to the interdependent nature of transportation, our traditional 3:20pm dismissal cannot be accommodated by our current partners.
- The district put out a formal bid to all NJ transportation contractors. We received a bid from one vendor for 2 routes. This is not a viable solution.
- We are currently exploring a staggered dismissal where buses would be dismissed in waves. The first wave would be approximately 3:20pm and the last wave would be approximately 4:00pm. This presents significant logistical challenges that are under consideration for solutions.

Planning Ahead- Spring 2021



Are there other obstacles to returning for full days of instruction?

- We need additional staff for full days of instruction.
 - Supervisory aides will supervise students who are eating lunch in their classrooms or the cafeteria.
 - Recess options are under consideration as students will be permitted to play with their homeroom only.
 - Instructional aides will support students with Individualized Education Plans.
- As we continue to work through the current challenges, we will monitor and address emergent issues as a result of a transition to 5 days of in-person instruction.

Planning Ahead- Summer 2021



What summer opportunities will be available for students?

- A survey is in progress to determine interest in Beyond the Bell summer camp.
- A staff posting is in progress to help us determine the scope of summer offerings for academic and social-emotional needs.
- Information will be made available to families later in April.