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Dear ETS Family,

The purpose of this communication is to share with staff, students and parents a summary of the strategies the Elsinboro Township School District is using to reopen schools and provide a safe, consistent learning environment in a COVID-19 world. We are committed to ensuring our children are getting a high quality education, even if health considerations require changes in the delivery of learning. The ETS 2020-2021 Restart and Recovery Plan details three different approaches to instructional delivery; All students in school, an alternating schedule where students would attend on-site part-time and remote part-time, and all instruction occurring remotely at home. We have taken the feedback from the survey as well as discussions with parents and staff members and devised a plan that will ensure that a safe and successful return to school is possible. School will begin on September 8th as originally planned and will follow the approved 2020-2021 calendar. We will be open five days a week with the option for students to receive virtual instruction if that is preferred.

We have taken into account every scenario and developed a plan that ensures the students' and staffs' safety and well-being. The size and location of our school allows for more flexibility within our plan to provide the benefit of in-person learning while adhering to all the guidelines provided by national, state and county authorities. To the best of our ability, we've adopted a plan that provides a consistent approach for learning so that educators can plan instruction, students have continuity in their learning, and parents can plan personal needs.

A brief overview of the plan includes that students will not have to wear masks while in the classroom or cafeteria but will have to wear them on the bus, entering and exiting the building, as well as moving about any common areas. Mask wearing for recess and gym will be determined by the teachers if students cannot maintain social distancing. With the exception of physical education, students will not switch classes, teachers will.

The classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized while students are at lunch. There are two lunch periods this year (K-5 and 6-8). The cafeteria will be cleaned between each lunch and bathrooms will be cleaned hourly. Other high-touch points such as door knobs, hallway walls, and railings will also be cleaned throughout the day and during the evening maintenance shift.

Whether on-site, blended or remote, the curriculum will focus on student mastery of important priority standards and assessments that provide feedback to students on their learning. We will be providing direct instruction, taking attendance, and students will receive grades.

This will be a year of new and unique challenges. It will take a considerable amount of teamwork as we navigate what could be changing realities throughout the school year. This draft plan provides a roadmap on what to expect, and we hope helps all of us be better prepared to adjust our personal lives based on changing conditions.

Sincerely,

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