



Kenilworth Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent

Preparing for Fall 2020: Summer Update #1

June 30, 2020

Dear School Community:

On June 26, Governor Phil Murphy and the NJ Department of Education released “[The Road Back: Restart and Recover Plan for Education](#).” This blueprint shares guidelines for reopening our schools in September 2020.

While the plan presents a robust executive summary, I’ve taken the initiative to further winnow down the information for our school community. You can access some [highlights here](#), although please keep in mind the full executive summary and report should be your go-to-place for comprehensive information.

Your Input

Thanks for sharing your input about the reopening process for this fall by having completed our [Preparing for Fall 2020](#) survey. We extended the survey’s deadline to the end of this week to encourage greater participation. (We already have 400 responses!)

We have a collection of committees working on planning, and community input is just as important to us as state guidelines. With this in mind, please be on the lookout for additional surveys throughout the summer.

In the meantime, you can email your questions and ideas at any time to: Fall2020@kenilworthschools.com. It may take a few days to get your question to the right person and track down accurate and up-to-date information, but we will reply back to you as soon as we can.

Strands to Re-Opening

Our Reopening Plan will focus on the following areas. Please use our Fall2020@kenilworthschools.com email address to express interest in participating in one of the committees below. Parent and student voices are needed.

Operations
Health & Wellness
Finance
Student Personnel Services (special education, counseling, social-emotional support)
Academics
Technology
Harding Scheduling & Related Matters
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Athletics & Extra-Curriculars

In Closing: Some Important Points

- First and foremost, our Reopening Plan will focus on the physical and social-emotional health of students.
- The school day may very well look different than it did prior to school closings in March.
- While our Reopening Plan will not be a consensus of what stakeholders think reopening should look like, it will be grounded in the input of varied stakeholders.
- We will share our Reopening Plan with parents by mid-summer, to allow for enough time for parents to accommodate the plan.
- We will provide you with ongoing updates throughout the summer in real-time.

We need parent input by [survey](#), and we need committee volunteers ([email your interest](#)). Please join me in a commitment to partner together to reopen our schools the Kenilworth Way!

Stay healthy & well.

Sincerely,

[Kyle C. Arlington](#)

Superintendent of Schools