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BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **SUMMARY PLAN TO RETURN TO FULL IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION**

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – KEY POINTS and PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY

In an effort to keep the community up to date with the current state of in-person instruction, the District would like to share this important information and gather feedback from caregivers to assist in decision making. The information below is being provided to caregivers and staff.

- Throughout the pandemic, the District has consistently followed the guidelines from the [CDC](#), [NJDOE](#), and [New Jersey Department of Health](#).
- Governor Murphy, the NJDOE, and NJDOH released [The Road Forward](#) guidance for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Governor Murphy gave school districts flexibility to determine masking requirements.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine is readily available to all New Jersey residents ages 12 and older. New Jersey vaccination rates are among the highest in the nation. Camden County's vaccination rate is approximately 52%.
- The percent positivity rate in Camden County is 1%.
- Frequent changes in instructional delivery created significant challenges for students and teachers over the past 16 months.
- Schools are NOT well suited for social distancing when all students are present.

The tentative District plans for reopening for the 2021-2022 school year are summarized as follows:

- All educational programs and schools would be full day, five days a week, beginning in September in as close to pre-pandemic operations as possible.
- All students are required to attend school in-person. The only exception will be when students/staff are required to quarantine or when students have documented health conditions that make them more susceptible to or exacerbate the symptoms of COVID-19. In these cases, home and/or remote instruction may be offered.
- Physical distancing of 3 ft. will be implemented to the extent possible in classrooms.
 - Some classrooms/class sizes will not fully accommodate this and distancing will be to the greatest extent possible. Supplemental barriers will be utilized in these cases.
 - Buses will distance students as much as possible, but will not guarantee previous physical distancing guidelines. Masks will be required on buses.
 - Lunch rooms will not accommodate previous recommendations of 6 ft. social distancing. Students will be spaced to the greatest extent possible, but it is unlikely that spacing will be greater than 3 ft. and possibly less.
- Face coverings will be encouraged for all non-vaccinated students and staff, but will remain optional.
- Face coverings will be required for all passengers on school buses as per CDC's Federal Order.
- The District will continue to follow quarantine guidelines provided by the Department of Health.
- The District will continue to follow enhanced cleaning protocols established during the Pandemic including the daily disinfection of school buses and high-touch areas.

Please note that continued/updated guidelines and requirements may come into effect throughout the summer that may alter District plans. Additional adjustments may be made after staff and community comment. A complete/final plan will be shared in August.

Please complete the [survey](#) to assist the District in planning for the upcoming school year.