

Dear Farmingdale Parents and/or Guardians,

Our reopening committee has been hard at work developing a plan for our students for September 2020. **At this time, we are tentatively planning on bringing back our youngest learners: Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade full days, five days a week.** These grades were chosen because best practices and guidance regarding our youngest learners indicate this as the most appropriate learning plan as outlined in the NJDOE Road Back Restart and Recovery Plan and guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics. We have been able to provide large enough spaces for these three groups of students to provide social distancing measures and 6 feet of distance. The preschool students will be in their classrooms, the kindergarten class will be in the media center and the first grade class will be in the gym (a classroom will be set up in this space.) Students will be required to wear masks during transitions and when they are less than 6 feet apart, but will not have to wear masks the entire school day.

It is our intention, at this point, that the rest of our students in grades 2-8 will be offered a hybrid model and attend school two days per week and receive remote learning on three days per week. Students will attend school with an assigned cohort of students on either Monday & Tuesday OR Thursday & Friday. Grades 2-8 will be fully remote on Wednesdays.

We have recently been made aware that DOE and the governor's office have allowed districts to offer a remote only option for all parents who choose to keep their children home for the upcoming school year. **We are sending this survey to see how many families would be interested in this option, so we can plan accordingly. Please note that remote learning may not be taught by your child's teacher or a Farmingdale School teacher.** Once we receive further guidance from the state, we will share the specifics of our plan with all, however students will likely be provided with a variety of learning opportunities with the majority being asynchronous (students will be working at their own pace), with some being synchronous (zoom meetings/live instruction.) Students will be provided with all core subjects as well as related arts classes. We have continued to refine our remote learning model since March and there will be expectations for both the staff members and learners who are involved.

****Being that a remote only option would substantially impact how we move forward in regards to our reopening plan, we kindly request you click on the link below to complete this survey and return it by (Monday, July 27, 2020).****

<https://forms.gle/8LvRuJVkJCW9vxK46>

In addition, we have to ask you to formally commit to a full remote learning option in writing by August 3, 2020. Please note remote learners will be required to stay with that option for an identified period of time (ex. minimum a full marking period). Please note our in-person programming model may change based on the amount of students who choose a full remote learning model.

Please understand this plan is subject to change based on factors such as: students moving in/out of district, regulations, etc.

Thank you in advance for completing this survey.
Mrs. Edith Conroy