



Reopening Update

A Special Board of Education Meeting - Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 7:30 pm

July 28, 2020

Dear Irvington School Community,

I hope this letter finds you well, staying cool during this heatwave. Here in the School District, we are busy preparing our Reopening Plan for the New York State Education Department and the New York State Health Department. This comprehensive plan will outline the steps the District will take to implement all health and safety guidance and will provide details on how schools will operate in the fall. The plan is intended to be flexible to allow the District to adapt to changes in guidance and shifts in local environmental factors that could impact school operations thus causing alterations to our learning plans.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29th at 7:30 pm, there will be a special Board of Education meeting during which I will provide recommendations for the hybrid model of instruction (a combination of distance and in-person learning), as such a plan is required by New York State. Next week, we expect that Governor Cuomo will make an announcement that will direct the model under which learning should occur statewide: hybrid learning, 100% distance learning or 100% in-person learning. While I certainly believe that 100% in-person learning is neither responsible or appropriate at this time, it is a model of learning for which we must prepare.

The presentation and the subsequent discussion will focus on the recommended model for hybrid instruction and the District administration will share an overview of the many steps we are taking to provide for the health and safety of our students and staff. Specific details related to student schedules and cohorts will be confirmed at a later date by your child(ren)'s school.

Communication over the next month will be critical to ensure that the entire school community is well prepared for the first days of school. With this in mind, the District has developed a the [Reopening Irvington UFSD webpage](#) that will become the central warehouse of all related communications. Please continue to check your email for updates from your child(ren)'s principal(s) and me and visit the website on a regular basis. Additionally, if you did not have a chance to attend last week's Board of Education meeting, [you can view it by clicking here](#).

Please take the time to attend tomorrow night's Board of Education meeting that will be facilitated on Zoom. The community will have the opportunity to comment during the course of the meeting. Community members can find the necessary information to "attend" the meeting by [clicking here](#) or visiting the Announcement section of the District website or [BoardDocs](#) for the details.

All my best,

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