



TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

It's very difficult to believe that an entire year has gone by and we are still dealing with this pandemic. However, signs of normalcy are starting to rise, including the ability for our district to bring students back to school five days per week beginning **Monday, March 22, 2021**. This latest edition of the community update is focused on the transition to the new five days per week schedule. Listed below is very important information; please review this update thoroughly and as always, let us know if you have any questions.

RETURN TO FIVE DAYS OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Beginning Monday, March 22, 2021, all of the students that opted for in-person instruction will return to school five days per week on a single session schedule. The school times are listed below for your reference.

School	Start Time	End Time
Mary F. Janvier	9:12 a.m.	1:57 p.m.
Main Road	8:12 a.m.	12:57 p.m.
Caroline L. Reutter	7:25 a.m.	12:10 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The transportation department has developed all of the new bus routes. **Bus passes with pick-up and drop-off times will be mailed out on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.** Your child's transportation information will also be available via the [Realtime Parent Portal](#). You will need your username and password to sign in to the parent portal.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE/FULL COMMITMENT TO THE IN-PERSON SCHEDULE

Student attendance in school is essential to academic success. As the district moves to the five days per week schedule, I want to remind the parents/guardians of the in-person learning students of the importance of your child's attendance in school every day. This will require establishing new daily routines and full commitment to in-person learning. It goes without saying, that if your child is feeling ill or has been instructed to quarantine, please keep your child at home.

LIVE STREAMING OF LESSONS FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE ILL OR MUST QUARANTINE -IMPORTANT

In efforts to support the students that may need to miss a period of in-person instruction due to being ill or COVID related issues, the district will provide a “live streaming” option. The “live streaming” of lessons will be provided in the same manner as during the previous Hybrid schedule. **However, parents will be required to contact their child’s teacher prior to the start of the school day in order to take advantage of this “live streaming” option.** Teachers will not “live stream” lessons unless there is a parental request. The building principals will provide school specific information regarding the “live streaming” option.

AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS-IMPORTANT

Beginning on March 22nd, once students have arrived home from school, they will be expected to complete their related arts (Physical Education, Art, Music, Computer, etc.) lessons; which will be approximately 30 minutes. All related arts lessons and activities will be asynchronous, recorded lessons. In addition, teaching staff members will hold teacher “office hours” and/or provide independent assignments in the afternoons. Classroom teachers will be scheduling students for virtual small group instruction or individual meetings. Attendance at these virtual meetings is important as teachers will be providing instructional support to students. School specific schedules will be set and students will know in advance when they are scheduled to meet with their teachers in the afternoons.

REQUESTS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL CHANGES

As we move into the final trimester of the school year, requests for instructional model changes (remote to Hybrid or Hybrid to remote) will be addressed on a case by case basis. Please understand that not all requests will be able to be granted and may take up to two weeks to complete.

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

A friendly reminder that the district will be closed Friday, April 2nd through Friday, April 9th for Spring recess. The students will return to session on Monday, April 12th

COVID-19 DISTRICT UPDATE

To date, the Township of Franklin Public School District has experienced a total of **64 positive COVID-19** cases since September 1, 2020. In efforts to keep the community up to date and informed, we have added a [COVID case tracker](#) link to the main page of the district website. The COVID tracker provides up to date totals of positive COVID cases within the schools, along with the number of current active cases. It is important to remember that just because a case may be considered “active”, doesn’t automatically mean there was potential exposure at school.

SOCIAL DISTANCING/DESK DIVIDERS

As we continue to increase the student population within our schools, maintaining as much social distancing as possible is of utmost importance. Please remind your child of the importance of social distancing and the use of the individual desk dividers.

Our school district is here to support our students and the school community. Our faculty and staff continue to work hard to make the best of this difficult situation. Please let us know how we can be of any assistance.

Yours in education,



Mr. Troy Walton
Superintendent of Schools