



Shrewsbury Borough School Virtual Town Hall Meeting

July 23, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Introduction



- NJDOE has provided limited guidance and information to school districts and has mandated a “Restart and Recovery Plan” for every public school district in New Jersey
- Feedback and Input
 - Parent Survey - 274 responses
 - Faculty and Staff Survey - 70 employee responses
 - Over 300 questions submitted
- Planning Team
 - SBS Administration
 - Shrewsbury Board of Education
 - Faculty and Staff Leadership
 - School Nurse and School Physician
 - RBRHS sending districts and RFH sending districts

Concerns and Limitations



- Current Guidance from NJDOE and CDC
 - Social distancing
 - Masks
 - Barriers
- Current Enrollment and Spatial Limitations
 - Square footage of classrooms
 - No one-way hallways
 - Maintaining building safety and security
 - Maintaining instructional continuity
- Social Distancing and Sanitizing Constraints
 - Lunch and recess
 - Specials
 - Playground equipment
 - Child care / YMCA

Screening Procedures



- Goal: Prevention and isolation of sick students and employees.
- Screening Process
 - Current health status reported before school day for staff and students
 - Physical screening equipment before entering SBS utilizing infrared body temperature detector
- Immediate notification to Monmouth County Health Commission #1
 - Responsible for contact tracing
 - School closure advisement
- Specific Information Not Provided
 - As this is a day-to-day evolving situation continued collaboration and communication with the NJDOE, NJDOH, Monmouth County Health Commission #1, and other public health agencies is required and necessary decision making regarding school closure
- Immediate notification to parents regarding any potential exposures, even if there was no direct close contact - all HIPAA privacy rules will be applied

Masks



- CDC recommends face masks for everyone in public areas to reduce exposure and infection
- Exceptions for children under 2 years of age and certain health conditions
- Masks will be required:
 - Entering and leaving school
 - Moving through common areas (hallway)
 - Moving about the classroom
 - When social distancing cannot be observed

Considerations



- Social distancing signage and markers throughout building and grounds
- Classroom furniture and configurations to maximize distancing
 - Plexiglass shields
- Limited hallway interactions
 - Students will report directly to homeroom upon entering the building
 - Elementary specials push in to classrooms (middle school specials to be determined)
- Potential staggering of entrance and dismissal times - to be determined

Instruction and Programming

Priorities, Common Language, & Expectations

- **Remote Learning** - Students work independently at home on assignments related to and supporting in person instruction
- **Virtual Learning** - All students and teachers at home delivering instruction through Google Meets
- **Middle School** - Follows half-day bell schedule to meet with teachers
- **Elementary School** - Teachers will provide a schedule in advance (for virtual learning) so students and parents know when virtual learning will be held
- **Specials** - Middle School - still exploring all options, Elementary School - push-in to classrooms, Virtual - hold Google Meets following the half-day, 6-day cycle

Instruction and Programming

Priorities, Common Language, & Expectations

- **Attendance** - Will be recorded for in-person learning and virtual learning (not remote learning).
 - Middle School - Homeroom will take place on virtual learning days
 - Elementary School - Attendance will be recorded for scheduled small groups
- **Small Groups** - Elementary - 5 or less; Middle School - 10 or less
- **Office Hours** - Teachers will respond to parent and student emails to follow up to questions regarding assignments, hold additional re-teaching/small group instruction
- **Homework** - No additional homework. Homework from in-person instruction will be completed on remote learning days.
- **Social Emotional Wellness** - Prioritized by our school counselor, implemented in New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health, additionally supported by the Response to Intervention Committee

100% In-Person

- Students and teachers in-school, full-day bell schedule

100% Virtual

- Students and teachers are in different locations and follow half-day bell schedule for Google Meets
- 12:30 - 1:30 - Lunch/Recess
- 1:30 - 3:00 - Office Hours

Hybrid Model

- In-Person: Half-day bell schedule
- Remote: Students complete work independently related to in-person learning
- Virtual: Small group Google Meets with teachers
- 12:30 - 1:30 - Lunch/Recess
- 1:30 - 3:00 - Office Hours

All models follow the 6 day cycle and support continuity of all instruction.

All models prioritize and implement health and safety requirements and precautions.

We expect that at any time we may have to change and implement a different model.

Facilities Updates



- District architect consulted and conducting additional review of facility for potential additions, changes, and upgrades
- Custodial and maintenance staff has been trained to use new disinfection tools
 - Electrostatic Disinfectant Sprayers
 - UV Obelisks
- All ductwork has been professionally deep cleaned and sanitized
- Higher antimicrobial filters replaced monthly
- Installation Upon Receipt of Products
 - Touchless Faucets
 - Touchless Soap Dispensers
 - Touchless Paper Towel Dispensers
 - Touchless Flushometer
 - Wall-Mounted Hand Sanitizer Stations
 - Touchless Door Openers

Funding



- Equipment purchases accomplished through reallocating savings in 2019-2020 School Budget
- Additional PPE provided by FEMA
- CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) Funding: \$8,803
 - Allocated for additional PPE
- Challenges:
 - Reduction in State Aid - \$32,617 as of July 10, 2020
 - Potential for more financial reduction

Additional Questions



Call Line: 732-747-0882 ext. 103 and 104

- State your name
- State your address
- Limited to one question
- 2 minute time limit

Thank You



As we continue to navigate these unprecedented, uncertain times and circumstances, we value and appreciate your continued partnership and feedback.

Please know that we are committed to doing our very best for the children in Shrewsbury to give them a safe, healthy, high-quality education.