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Dear Yorktown School Community,

I am writing to provide you another update with regard to the reopening of schools. Before beginning this update, please know that the calendar for our opening month has not changed since my last update. We have added additional details to clarify information contained within the calendar, but the starting dates are unchanged.

I hope that your child enjoyed the opportunity to connect with their teacher(s) this week. Part of the intent of these last two days were to introduce students to their teachers, their classmates, and the virtual learning platform that classes will be using during the course of the school year. As I observed some of the meetings that were taking place today, it was heartwarming to hear the joy in the voices of our students and faculty as they began 2020-21 school year with great optimism and hope.

I believe that the 2020-21 school year will be terrific. We have devoted an extraordinary amount of time to preparing health and safety protocols and readying our facilities for the arrival of our students, and we have taken every reasonable precaution to provide the safest and healthiest environment for our students, faculty, and staff. Nevertheless, despite our best preparation and best efforts, the potential for COVID cases to arise in our schools will always be a possibility. This is true for any school. Should this occur, know that we will communicate any and all information that we are permitted to share, including any closures of our school buildings. When a COVID case becomes known, the impacted school(s) will close for at least 24 hours so we may assess the situation, coordinate with the Westchester County Department of Health, and determine the duration of the closure. The variables surrounding each case are enormously complex and unique, and require extensive consultation and contact tracing with the Westchester County Department of Health and our Medical Director. Unfortunately, such closures may occur with little notice. If our school buildings are

ever required to close, please know that we will transition to remote learning. The concern that such a fluid situation can create is understandable. Ultimately, every decision will be guided by the safety of our students and staff.

My hope is that our school year continues uninterrupted, but we will be prepared to swiftly address challenges that may arise.

Daily Student Health Screening

Another important update regarding the reopening of schools is the health screening questionnaire that must be completed prior to arrival each day. The instructions for downloading the app and completing the screening questionnaire will be posted to our reopening website. The enclosed QR code can be used to access the screening tool in your web browser.



The screening process checks for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Based on the responses provided to the questionnaire, the algorithm within the app will determine whether a student is well enough to attend school. **An email will arrive in your email inbox tomorrow morning which will provide you log in instructions.** Only after receiving tomorrow's email will you be able to create an account for your child. In addition, the demonstration video link will provide you with important information to complete the registration and screening process: <https://vimeo.com/456510835>

Any remaining questions may be asked at: tinyurl.com/ycsdfamilytech.

Elementary School Dismissal Procedure

We anticipate a substantial number of students at the elementary level being driven to school rather than riding the school bus. We will do our very best to provide the safest and most efficient dismissal for students being picked up from school; however, we ask for your patience as we anticipate extensive lines for those picking up their child by car. We have created a dismissal traffic route and protocol, and we are asking for parents of students in grades K-5 to complete the enclosed survey so we may determine if our plan needs to be adjusted prior to the return of our students.

Below is a survey that we are asking all parents/guardians of students in grades K-5 to complete to help us to better anticipate student pick-up at dismissal.

Dismissal Survey for grades K-5 students ONLY

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbIY0sWj4InWL3F9ymobQYgCP_9EJM0rfERP7bMVLPwGQ8ew/viewform?usp=sf_link

NYS COVID Dashboard

As you may be aware, the NYS Department of Health will be maintaining a daily COVID dashboard for all schools in the state. As the District becomes aware of a laboratory confirmed positive case of COVID, whether through notification from the Westchester County Department of Health or from the student's family, the District is required to provide the state with the number of laboratory confirmed positive cases of COVID each day. As per the NYS Department of Health, only the number of cases for students, faculty, and staff will be reported. **No identifiable information will be provided.** Suspected positive cases, also referred to as clinically diagnosed cases, are not included in the New York State reporting dashboard.

School Lunch Program

School lunch will be available for purchase when our schools reopen. If you plan to have your child purchase lunch, we encourage you to use the My School Bucks system for electronic payment. Not handling cash or coins will provide a more sanitary and efficient school lunch experience.

Students who participate in the free and reduced lunch program may email yorktowngrabandgo@yorktown.org for information on picking up school lunches during remote instructional days.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school.

Respectfully,



Dr. Ron Hattar

September Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 Supt Conference Day (No change)	3 Supt Conference Day (No Change)	4 PPE Installation Continues No students or staff (No Change)
7 Labor Day-NoSchool (No Change)	8 Supt Conference Day No Students Present (Moved from November 3, and Nov. 3 is now a school day for students)	9 Supt Conference Day No students Present (Moved from June 25, and June 25 is now a school day for students)	10 Remote Learning Day for All K-12 Students (hybrid and fully remote students) and Virtual Health and Safety Trainings for All Students A detailed schedule to follow	11 Remote Learning Day for All K-12 Students (hybrid and fully remote students) and Virtual Health and Safety Trainings for All Students A detailed schedule to follow
14 Remote Learning Day for All K-12 Students (hybrid and fully remote students) and Professional Development day for Faculty and Staff (No change)	15 In-Person Student Orientations for <u>Group A students</u> in Grades K, 4, 6, 9 Orientations for grades 4,6, and 9 are full day. Orientation for kindergarten students will be for a partial day with a parent/guardian. Remote learning day for students (hybrid and fully remote students) in grades 1,2,3,5,7,8,10,11,12	16 In Person Student Orientations for <u>Group B students</u> in Grades K, 4, 6, 9 Orientations for grades 4,6, and 9 are full day. Orientation for kindergarten students will be for a partial day with a parent/guardian. Remote learning day for students (hybrid and fully remote students) in grades 1,2,3,5,7,8,10,11,12	17 Hybrid Model Begins <u>Group A students</u> in Grades K,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9, and 10 attend in-person <u>Group B students</u> in Grades K,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9, and 10 learn remotely Remote Learning Day for students (hybrid and fully remote students) in Grades 8, 11,12	18 Hybrid Model Begins <u>Group B students</u> for Grades K,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9, and 10 attend in-person <u>Group A students</u> in Grades K,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9, and 10 learn remotely Remote Learning Day for students (hybrid and fully remote students) in Grades 8, 11,12
21 Remote Learning Day for All K-12 Students (hybrid and fully remote students) and Professional Development day for Faculty and Staff (No change)	22 Hybrid Model Begins for All Students, K-12 <u>Group A students</u> attend in-person <u>Group B students</u> learn remotely	23 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group B students</u> attend in-person <u>Group A students</u> learn remotely	24 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group A students</u> attend in-person <u>Group B students</u> learn remotely	25 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group B students</u> attend in-person <u>Group A students</u> learn remotely
28 Schools Closed-YomKippur (No Change)	29 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group A students</u> attend in-person <u>Group B students</u> learn remotely	30 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group B students</u> attend in-person <u>Group A students</u> learn remotely	10/1 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group A students</u> attend in-person <u>Group B students</u> learn remotely	10/2 Hybrid Model for All Students, K-12 <u>Group B students</u> attend in-person <u>Group A students</u> learn remotely