

August 9, 2020

Dear P. S. 81 Families,

Thank you for completing the P.S. 81 Survey. I truly appreciate your kind words, warm support, appreciation and suggestions. The results of the DOE survey will be shared with all principals tomorrow. After analyzing the results, I will be sharing the P.S. 81 tentative plan with all families. There will be a scheduled Zoom meetings to outline our model on Thursday August 13th. Our tentative plan based on our P.S. 81 survey will probably be Plan 1A which is the Chancellor's choice. I have attached the plan and a tentative school day schedule. There will be two in-person cohorts, A and B and one remote cohort, D. Cohort A will be in person Tuesday and Thursday and Cohort B will be in person Wednesday and Friday. Groups A and B will rotate every other Monday. I have attached a diagram of the model and a tentative school schedule. The questions that you submitted to me on the survey will be answered by telephone outreach and during our Zoom Meeting on Thursday. Outlined below are answers to some of the questions from the survey.

Requests for siblings to attend in person on the same days will be granted.

Specific requests for students other than family members to attend the same in person cohort will be honored when possible.

IEPS services will be provided during the in-person days.

Synchronous and asynchronous learning will be provided.

The cohort for ICT classes will adhere to the ICT model with the same ratio.

Requests to ensure students have one or two friends in each cohort will be honored and scheduled.

All safety procedures will be adhered and strictly followed.

Information for parent outreach to other parents will be provided once consent has been provided.

Ms. Maher will continue to explore the possibility for the New Horizons After School Program.

Ms. Maher and Mr. Walters will be conducting outdoor Gym.

Our primary goal is to know every student well. Our Instructional Team will continue to monitor and gain insight into how well the school staff know their students and if students' instructional needs are met or if changes to instruction are needed. Our goal is for each of our students to continue to show progress in each area. We want our students to be strategic problem solvers. We plan to support them at their Zone of Proximal Development and meet them in a risk-free environment and challenge them, while refraining from frustrating them. We will continue to build their literacy skills and ensure they meet or exceed grade level Standards. We will continue to incorporate the 6+1 Traits of Writing to help develop their writing skills.

During these challenging times, our goal is to address the emotional and social needs of our students. We will continue to embed Brain Breaks, Mood Meter, Meta Moments, Mindfulness, Think Outside the Box Drawings, Go Noodle movement and breathing exercises.

Our PS 81 families are always in our thoughts and prayers. Give a big air hug to your child/children from me. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Looking forward to seeing you at our Zoom Meeting on Thursday.

Best regards,

Anne