## Superintendent's Report Orange Public Schools "Good to Great"



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## The Orange Public Schools Return to Buildings



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Return to Schools Calendar & Thank you to our Community

- **Phase 4, April 19, 2021 June 24, 2021:** All staff and students return in a hybrid setting (combining on-site and remote learning) with staggered schedules.
- Special thank you to our Board of Education Members, community members, clergy, city officials, Members of the Orange Education Foundation, Mayor Warren, Director Warren, Our Friends at the Orange Police Department Captain Vitiello and Sgt. Stefanelli, Fire Director Douglas, and Raymond Wingfield from Public Works for providing support as well as being ever-so present on April 19<sup>th</sup>...More to come on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Special thank you to the Return to Schools Team: Ms. Alcantara, Mr. Reggie Miller, Mr. Devone, Dr. Powell, Ms. Purkiss, Board President Johnson, Board Member Turner for providing support and advice to make our opening the best of the best!
- To our staff and families who worked tirelessly during the pandemic and beyond, you are to be commended. You are simply the best!
- To Mr. Vasquez, your countless hours and support working with the maintenance team to push out the vision of the Superintendent has not gone unnoticed. Believe that....
- To our District Translators (Ms. Paiz and Mr. Speker) thank you for translating all items for our staff and families. It is so very important for all stakeholders to be in the KNOW in our DISTRICT. To our school based team that translate, thank you as well. There is No I in TEAM.
- Mrs. Harper, Director of Special Services, thank you for spearheading all transportation across district with your team! Amazing work!

Return to Schools Calendar & Thank you to our Community

- To our school principals and their pandemic response teams, you made this opening stellar. To our ENTIRE STAFF, you came in and made our buildings into works of art for our children. You rock! We APPRECIATE EACH OF YOU! Words cannot express the appreciation that the Board of Education and this Superintendent have for each of you!
- To the Orange Education Association and Orange Supervisors and Administrators Union, thank you walking ALL district buildings with the Administration in partnership to ensure the health and safety of all staff and students.
- To the Board of Education for walking buildings with the principals and principals as well as providing additional suggestions for building upgrades.
- Last week, the Orange Education Association had lunch for the membership last week. What a great way to welcome folks back! Thank you.
- Thank you to the building leadership for welcoming all staff back last week! Your planning allowed for folks to feel appreciated when they entered last week! Thank you so very much!

# Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting

- I held the Return to Schools Town Hall Meeting on April 13, 2021 that was live streamed on the district's Facebook Page as well as Channel 36 (COMCAST). Thank you to Dr. Powell and Mrs. Spottswood-Brown for presenting as well. We provided updates regarding the hybrid model as well as the mandatory daily COVID questionnaire. Just so folks are aware, we will go over the student generated COVID-19 questionnaire. It is important to note, families are required to fill out the questionnaire only if they are reporting to district schools (parents and guardians fill out the questionnaire on behalf of their children.) Families, we want to thank you for your due diligence, we are doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.
- Families, we have COVID-19 Chrome book Support kiosks outside of all schools in additional we have paper copies translated in Spanish and Haitian Creole.

#### Orange Township Public School District COVID-19 Dashboard



#### Student Enrollment

**Total enrollment as of 1/22/2021: 5,161** Central Elementary School: 309 Cleveland Street School: 299 Forest Street Community School: 400

#### State Guidelines for the Reopening of Schools

Local health departments should maintain close communication with school officials in their community to provide information and share resources on COVID-19 transmission, prevention, and control measures and to establish procedures for LHD notification and response to COVID-19 illness in school

#### Weekly Summary by School (February 8, 2021)

Central Elementary School		Cleveland	Cleveland Street		Forest Street	Community	Heywood Avenue	
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Lincoln Avenue		Oakwood Avenue Community			Park Avenue		Rosa Parks Community	
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Orange Preparatory Academy		Orange High School			STEM Innovation Academy		Twilight Program	
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#### The Orange Public Schools Facilities Update



Edwin Vasquez

Manager of Security

April 20, 2021

District Facility Maintenance & Custodial Services Update Thorough Cleaning Daily and Disinfecting of all touch points in the building (examples include but not limited to door handles. Bathrooms, entrances exits, and banisters)

Minor and major repairs to our heating units and pumps

Winter Walk-through of all school district facilities

PCI and District Meeting based on Updates related to COVID-19 mandates and expectations

Preparation for Spring Clean up

# Facilities Walkthrough Update

During the Months of February and March 2021, the Superintendent, Building Administrators, Union Representation, Board of Education Members and I conducted and completed walkthroughs of the buildings to ensure that we have a safe and welcoming learning environment.

We checked windows to make sure that they could open; and we also checked to ensure all vents were cleaned as well as filters changed to ensure we continue to maintain proper ventilation throughout the building. Oakwood Avenue School

During Spring Break the district took advantage of the time and continued to do some painting and replacing of some light fixture. The purpose of this work was to brighten up the hallways to create the welcoming learning environment. On the next few slides, you will see the updates to Oakwood Avenue Community School.

### Oakwood Avenue School





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Oakwood Avenue School We discovered a leak in the girls' restroom at Oakwood Avenue School. PCI conducted an investigation and noticed the roof needed to be repaired. The following slides will show the work conducted start to finish.

#### Oakwood Avenue school







Early in the month of March at OHS we had a water main pipe break. This action caused a major leak in the boiler room. Vollers' Contractor had to dig up the new sidewalk at the rear of OHS to locate the broken pipe. Once it was located; it was repaired and as an additional step, the sidewalk was also repaired. The following slide will show the repair work.







Orange Preparatory Academy  During the month of March PCI did minor repairs at OPA. The team fixed broken floor tiles and repaired radiators that were not working due to rusting pipes. The following slide shows the repairs conducted and completed.

## Orange Preparatory Academy







## Orange Preparatory Academy







• On March 15, 2021 the Superintendent, Principal Belton, and Dr. Powell and I did a walk through on the new extension of OHS. Wait until you see the work that has been conducted.....











### Cleveland Elementary School

• The construction at 355 Cleveland Street has started to pick-up. Great news: the asbestos abatement is complete. I was able to visit the job site on March 26 to see the progress up-close. Look at the following pictures of the work in progress...

#### Cleveland Elementary School







### Conclusion

• Thank you. More to come for the month of April. We are in a good place in the area of facilities.

-Mr. Edwin Vasquez-

Manager of Security

The Orange Public Schools Return to Buildings COVID-19 Questionnaire for Families and the Parent Portal



Lisa Spottswood-Brown

District Registrar and Homeless Liaison

April 20, 2021



### Accessing the Genesis Parent Portal?

- The Genesis Parent Portal is accessible from the district website at <u>https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/</u>
- Navigate to the **Parents & Students** option, then click on **Parent Portal**.
- You will be directed to the district's Genesis Parent Portal Access Agreement to the accept terms and conditions, and the usage policy.

#### After accepting the terms and conditions of the parent portal policy, you will be directed to the main page of the Genesis Parent Portal.



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#### PARENT PORTAL

> Parent Portal

#### ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Genesis Parent Portal** 

The Orange School District supports access by parents/guardians, teachers, and administrators to informational resources that will improve participation in a child's education and improve communication between students, parents/guardians and the student's teachers.

The Orange School District manages student information electronically and will make the student education records available for viewing only to authorized parents/guardians and students with a secure connection over the Internet. All parents/guardians and students will comply with the Internet use regulations and all technology regulations/procedures, as well as all other District policies that may apply.

#### A) Rights and Responsibilities

This service is offered to all current and active parents/guardians of students in the Orange School System. Access to student information from the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Only after a family has enrolled their child(ren) in the Orange School System will a parent/guardian be authorized to access the web account. Once a student withdraws or graduates from the Orange District their access will be inactivated. Parents/guardians, students, and staff must understand and practice proper and ethical use.

#### Home » Parents & Students » Parent Portal AUP » Parent Portal AUP

#### Orange Township Public School

#### Parent Portal Access Agreement

I am requesting to review my child(ren)'s student information on the Orange School Districts website. I understand that in the interest of security, the District reserves the right to change user passwords or deny access at anytime.

By clicking accept at the bottom of this agreement, I as parent/guardian, release the Orange School District from any and all liability for damages arising out of the unauthorized access to my parent/guardian account.

I also agree to abide by the following guidelines:

· I agree that I will not share my password or allow anyone other than myself to use the account including my own child (ren).

• I agree to protect any information printed or transferred to my computer, or destroy the documentation generated from this site.

• I understand that three unsuccessful logins will disable my account. If my account becomes locked I will contact the Attending School.

At the sole discretion of the District, the account may be unlocked, but I understand that it may take up to three school days to have my account unlocked.

Note: The Acceptable Use Policy must be completed and returned to the student's school before a login username and password will be assigned.
I ACCEPT the terms of the Parent Portal Policy

I DO NOT ACCEPT the terms of the Parent Portal Policy

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Parent Access	
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#### Parent Access Module



#### Symptoms

Any of the symptoms below could indicate a COVID-19 infection in children and may put your child at risk for spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms and children with COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms. Please check your child daily for these symptoms

Section A - If **TWO OR MORE of the fields in this Section are checked off**, please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

Fever (measured or subjective)
Chills
Rigors (shivers)
Myalgia (muscle aches)
Headache
Sore Throat
Nausea or Vomiting
Diarrhea
Fatigue
Congestion or runny nose
Section B - If **AT LEAST ONE field in this Section is checked off**, please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions

- Shortness of BreathDifficulty Breathing
- New loss of smell
- New loss of shield

#### Close Contact/Potential Exposure

If ANY of the fields in the 'Close Contact/Potential Exposure' section are checked off, your child should remain home for 14 days from the last date of exposure (if child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case) or date of return to New Jersey.

Contact your child's provider or your local health department for further guidance.

#### Please verify if:

 $\Box$  Your child has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19

□ Someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19

□ Your child has traveled to an area of high community transmission.



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#### Genesis Parent Portal Reminder

 Have you signed up for the Genesis Parent
 Portal? Parents are able to see grades and assignments posted in real time. Should any concerns regarding the portal be directed to reopeningofschools@ora nge.k12.nj.us.

#### Orange Township Public School District Genesis Parent Portal

To continue to provide families with the most up to date information we are launching registration for the Genesis Parent Portal. When you are a part of the portal:

- You can view your child's grades in real-time
- Receive important information from the district

Sign up today for a Genesis Parent Portal account. If you have an account and your contact information changed (phone number, email address, etc.) you are encouraged to fill out the form.

Find registration links in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole at: www.orange.k12.nj.us/genesislaunch.



Update on State Assessment Calendar from the New Jersey Department of Education • Key Dates and Important Activities

To meet the USED's requirement for administration, the NJDOE will provide the following opportunities to administer these assessments in the spring of 2021: Statewide Assessment Original Start Date to the New Testing Window

- ACCESS for ELLs February 16, 2021 now the start date reflects April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021
- DLM March 8, 2021 now the start date reflects April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021
- NJSLA Math, ELA, Science: This test will be replaced by alternative assessments not the NJSLA as per the NJDOE. The information was shared with districts on April 7, 2021.

## District Updates

Staff returned on April 12, 2021 to all district locations. It was so great seeing staff members simulating the hybrid approach to teaching and learning as well as preparing all classrooms for student engagement. Way to go TEAM Orange!

Yesterday, April 19, 2021, began our return to school. When I tell you the feeling in each school was captured beautifully. Special thank you to the Board of Education, Staff, Community, Mayor Warren, Orange Police Department, Orange Fire Department, Mr. Reggie Miller, Orange Clergy for collaborating with the District to make this the best return yet! Safety Patrols at Rosa Parks and Central

- I want to take a moment to thank Ms. Denise Parrish and Ms. Lorna Alexander-Taylor for their 6 years of service being the lead on the Safety Patrol Initiative at Rosa Parks/Central.
- We know that last year, your celebration was cancelled but we wanted to make sure you know that your efforts did not go unnoticed.
- Today, we visited the Monday-Tuesday cohort students a part of the initiative this morning at 8AM. On Thursday morning at 8AM we will be back to celebrate the students as well as Ms. Parrish and Ms. Alexander-Taylor.



- As you know, we continue to provide breakfast and lunch to our school community. With that being said, we have distributed over 160,000 meals since March 17<sup>th</sup>. Continue to come out and grab a meal students.
- Reminder: School is NOT over at 12:30 PM. In fact, we have office hours for additional support. Asynchronous assignments are placed in Google Classroom for additional support. Let's not take this lightly. Instruction is paramount during these times and beyond. If there is a camera malfunctioning issue, please reach out to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us so we can connect you with your child's principal.

### District Updates

 As you know, on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> the district partnered with the Theta Phi Sigma Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated on a Youth Symposium for students from Twilight, Orange High School, Orange Preparatory Academy, and STEM Innovative Academy of the Oranges. We had over 150 students present on the line. From Financial Literacy to Self-Care Discussions, this was a program well needed by our students as we transition back to brick and mortar. Early Childhood Registration Reminder for SY 21-22



## District Updates Textbook Adoption

• Thank you to the teachers and administrators who were part of the English Language Arts Textbook Adoption for the upcoming school year. The staff provided me with their thinking regarding the new textbook for consideration. As you know, we take a strategic look into the rankings of textbooks as presented last year to you when we adopted the Into Reading Series for the students in Grade K-2. This adoption is for students in Grades 3-8. Next year we will tackle the high school grade levels. The roll out is so important in parts as we are utilizing best practices to make determinations about next steps regarding the textbook series. A quick lesson, remember that the textbook is used to strengthen the curriculum and not vice versa. The curriculum guides the work. Please remember that. Tune into the Curriculum Committee to see this work. The meeting still evident on Channel 36 on COMCAST as well as the link on the district's Facebook page.

Parent Conference held on Saturday, March 27, 2021

• The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Parent Conference took place virtually on Saturday, March 27th. The theme of the event was Education Builds Community. What great workshops that were planned for our families and an added bonus were high school students in attendance having the opportunity to earn up to 2 hours of community service by registering and attending the event with their families. Thank you to the families and staff that attended as well as Mr. Devone and his team for creating a powerful day!

Middle School Debate Tournament held on Saturday, March 27, 2021

• As you know, we held our Middle School Debate Tournament on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Seeing our students debate issues that affect our current state in the United States (and the research involved) provided me with the notion that our students are inquisitors of practice. No matter the field that students desire to go into, it is important that these skills are garnered. Thank you for those who had a few minutes to pop into the tournament.

### Scholarships for the Graduating Class of 2021

- As of April 16, 2021, the following are acquired scholarships awards for seniors in the Class of 2021:
- OHS **6,593,982**
- STEM **4,315,700**
- Grand Total: **10,909,682**
- Within a month's time, we have increased scholarships by \$3,181,682.
- As of March 9, 2021, the following are the acquired scholarship awards for Seniors in the Class of 2021:
- OHS-\$**4,869,800.00**
- STEM-2,939,000.00
- Grand Total: 7,808,000.00, an increase of 2,039,800.00 in just four weeks...Isn't this great news?

## District Updates

- Our Culinary Arts students came onto campus to take their NRA Serv Safe Food Protection Examination on Friday, March 19, 2021. Led by Culinary Arts Teacher Ms. Badruddin, the students were poised and driven. The students were focused and driven. What a great sight to see!
- Thank you to all principals for conducting town hall meetings for the return to schools. All meetings were informed and well attended by our staff and families.

#### Reminder: District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- Rosa Parks Community School
- Lincoln Avenue School
- Forest Street Community School
- Scholars Academy

### District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- Heywood Avenue School
- Orange Early Childhood Center
- Park Avenue School
- Oakwood Avenue Community School

### District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- John Robert Lewis Early Childhood Center
- Orange High School
- STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges
- Orange Preparatory Academy
- Cleveland Street (Our Lady of Valley Swing space-Cleveland Students ONLY)



### Orange Page Turners SY 2020-2021 Reading Challenge

 Students, staff, parents, city residents, and employees, join the quest to read one million pages began on Thanksgiving Day 2020 to May 1, 2021. To register for the challenge visit <u>www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page</u> Turners Sign Up. Come on Team Orange Public Schools, you can do it!

### Reminders to the School Community

- For further supports, please be reminded that we still answer emails via <u>reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us</u> for questions or concerns during this pandemic period as it relates to any facet of the plan or support needed. Responses will be generated within 24-48 hours of receipt.
- It is encouraged that you continue to visit our district COVID-19 Resources Tab on the district website <u>www.orange.k12.nj.us</u> for additional resources for families on mental health as well as updates on self care for students, families, and staff. We have posted instructional supports within the COVID-19 Resource Tab for your assistance. As you are aware, we update our COVID-19 Resource Tab weekly in the effort of providing further supports for our school community. Thank you to the Trauma Informed Team for supporting this work since March 17<sup>th</sup>.



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