



Orange Township Public Schools
New Early Childhood Center
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Dear Parents and Families,

It goes without saying that it has been a historically challenging road as we have had to and are navigate through the COVID-19 Pandemic. I sincerely hope that you and your families are well.

The New Early Childhood Center (NECC) will proudly welcome five Pre-Kindergarten classes from Rosa Parks Community School. Classrooms will be spacious, inviting and conducive for an outstanding pre-kindergarten experience. The entire building is being redesigned and outfitted to support an optimal academic and social environment for growth. I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with each of your children, our youngest scholars in the district, and partner with you during this early development stage of their lives. On Monday, September 14, 2020, we will have a virtual Back to School Night via Zoom from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You will receive the information with the Zoom meeting ID number and Passcode prior to the meeting.

I want to provide you the information from the Superintendent regarding Plan B:

Teachers will conduct instruction in modified virtual learning formats for a percentage of the school year.

September 8 – October 2 (4 weeks)

In Phase 1: 100% Virtual Learning all teaching/learning is done virtually/remotely from home and in a scheduled and synchronous format. During this time, the district is establishing best practices in virtual education. This time allows the following to occur:

- ✓ Schools are intensifying trainings to staff, parents, and students focused on approved digital platforms
- ✓ Teachers are revisiting the most critical prerequisite skills and knowledge for each subject area and grade level with students
- ✓ Teachers are evaluating students' unfinished learning such to provide acceleration support.
- ✓ Schools are integrating trauma informed/SEL programming into traditional instructional programs
- ✓ Schools are disseminating the essential instructional resources that teachers must have at home/school based upon grade level
- ✓ Schools are disseminating the "print" materials that students need for at home and on-site instruction
- ✓ Schools are disseminating individualized materials for student use (manipulatives, art supplies, science/STEM lab materials, goggles); ordering more supplies than normal.
- ✓ Schools are developing remote synchronous schedules, identifying classroom spaces.
- ✓ District is installing all safety materials

October 5 – November 25 (7 weeks)

In Phase 2: Remote Synchronous teachers report onsite for 2 days per week providing virtual synchronous instruction within their designated classroom spaces; support staff (*guidance, CST, related service providers, social workers, attendance officers*), nurses, TC's, secretaries are onsite 4 days per week. Shared teachers may have an AM/PM schedule. Webcams are used during instruction for at home learners. Webcams will be trained

only on teachers during use. Teachers are onsite for the length of the school day.* *If schedule and staffing allows, more time can be scheduled for at risk/Tier III students.* Staff will also follow schedules for CPT's and other planning times. Administrators are able to begin conducting formal observations of instruction during this time. Student schedules during this time will follow either a half day instructional format with dedicated afternoons for office hours. Note: Paraprofessionals must align their schedules to the teachers they accompany and support.

November 30 – December 23 (3.5 weeks)

In Phase 3: Soft Launch a small percentage of pre-identified students (SWD's, ELLs, Tier III, etc.) are able to return onsite for live, face to face instruction; *Pre-identified students report to school following the days and times described on page 36.*

January 4, 2021 – end of year

In Phase 4A, 4B, 4C: Full Reentry, all students report to school following the days and times described on page 36

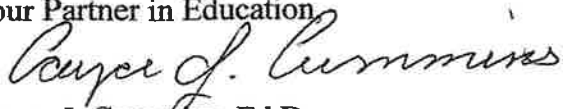
The District continues to provide packaged 'Grab-and-Go' breakfast and lunch, during all virtual/remote phases at no cost to families, at multiple locations for pick up. The selected locations are

- OECC (includes students from Cleveland Street School), located 397 Park Avenue
- Scholars Academy, located at 268 Capuchin Way
- Forest Street School, located 651 Forest Street
- Heywood Avenue School, located at 421 Heywood Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue School, 216 Lincoln Avenue
- Oakwood Avenue School, located at 135 Oakwood Avenue
- Park Avenue School, located at 231 Park Avenue
- Rosa Parks Community School, located at 369 Main Street

Please be advised that all locations will host the breakfast/lunch grab and go program from 7:30 AM until 1:30 PM; Monday through Friday. Students may pick up their meal from any of the locations listed above.

Should you have any questions about returning to school, you are encouraged to send an email to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us. I thank you in advance for your support. Together we are going to make the 2020-2021 school year go from Good to Great!

Your Partner in Education



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