

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Sterling Parent/Guardian:

On August 12, 2020, Gov. Phil Murphy reiterated the state of New Jersey's "ultimate objective" of offering some form of in-person learning for the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. The Department of Education is in the process of reviewing districts' documentation of their plans, including Sterling's, for reopening. The governor also announced that New Jersey public schools must demonstrate their ability to meet all safety protocols associated with in-person learning. School districts that want to follow a 100 percent remote learning model must document for the state Department of Education the reasons they cannot offer in-person classes at the start of the 2020-2021 school year and must provide a date to deliver in-person instruction.

Sterling High School has developed strong plans for both a hybrid learning schedule – which includes in-person learning at school and remote learning – and an all-remote learning schedule. Parents/Guardians may choose the option best suited to their children. Summer mailings are expected to be delivered by August 17, 2020 and will include OnCourse registration that has options for Hybrid and Remote Instruction.

Please understand that our plans may change as we move closer to the first day of school. Given the information shared by the Governor and Interim Commissioner of Education, we will be reevaluating our plan and discussing our options with the Board of Education and staff. We are prepared to move to an all-remote learning model for all students and staff if necessary.

I encourage everyone to visit the district website's "The Road Back" page for detailed information about our Return to School Plans, informational videos, our orientation schedule, and FAQ.

I would like to thank the Administrative Team, the committees, and staff for all their hard work in preparing Sterling High School for a safe start to the 2020 – 2021 school year.

I would also like to thank our families and communities for their continued support and understanding.

Stay Sterling Strong!



Matthew Sheehan
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