



## WOODBURY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Woodbury Community,

I hope this correspondence finds you well and enjoying your summer. A few weeks ago, the district announced the decision to enter the 2020-2021 school year in a hybrid learning model. This decision was based on the *Restart and Recovery: The Road Back* guidance provided by the Governor and The Department of Education. Parents were also given the option to choose a fully remote/virtual program for their child if they desired. More than fifty percent of the parents who participated in the survey to determine enrollment, selected the fully remote option.

Since announcing our hybrid plan, we have also received many inquiries from parents and staff asking the district how we plan to ensure the safest learning environment. While we feel that we are doing everything possible to provide the safest space we can, we have been looking at ways to exceed the minimum expectations set forth by the state on reopening in person.

On August 13, 2020, Governor Murphy signed new legislation allowing school districts to open remotely, providing them additional time to adequately meet the health and safety protocols recommended. With that being said, **the district has made the decision to begin the year fully remote beginning September 8, 2020.** Woodbury City Schools Board of Education approved the recommendation for a full remote start at last night's meeting. The additional time set for remote instruction will allow the district to ensure with fidelity that it is providing the safest environment for both students and staff alike for in- person instruction.

We have identified the window of **October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>** for our start to re-entry, with a full hybrid re-entry implemented on **November 9<sup>th</sup>**. This window will allow the district to view exactly how the hybrid program will work, what it will look like in practice and make a determination if it is safe to return. A full detail remote plan is set to go out Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please forward all inquiries to our district email at [board@woodburysch.com](mailto:board@woodburysch.com).

The district will continue to monitor the data and follow recommendations from state and local health officials. We appreciate your understanding as changes continue to occur. Our north star has always been to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff. Thank you for your time and attention in this most important matter.

Educationally yours,

Andrew T. Bell, Sr.  
Superintendent