



## WOODBURY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*A Leader in Personalizing Education*

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Welcome to 2020-2021!

As we plan for a beginning like no other, we have seen in the past, our focus will still be to ensure that the health and safety of all our students and staff is most paramount.

Spring of 2020 has challenged staff and students to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways and repositioned our thinking on how to educate our young people. What I have most learned through this process is how much I appreciate the expertise our staff brings to Woodbury City Schools every day. What I MOST appreciate about the Woodbury community is how even under circumstances we have never experienced before, we are still a learning and caring community.

Our 2020-2021 academic school year may not be “normal,” but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive.

An essential priority in the reopening and an eventual return to brick and mortar school facilities is the health and safety of students, faculty and staff. Our district formed a reopening committee and utilized a number of resources to create a detailed plan to re-open school buildings. Resources that contribute to the planning include guidance from Governor Murphy’s office, the CDC, the NJ Commissioner of Education.

As you can imagine, there is much detail, reflection, consideration, and unanticipated expense as health and safety aspects provide the focus for continued learning and growth for all students. Towards that end, the district will begin the 2020-2021 school year in full remote until November 9. This extended time will help us ensure that we can exceed the minimum expectations set forth by the state as we move to an in person hybrid schedule later this fall.

Our spirits remain high. Our administrators, teachers and staff are committed to provide an exceptional education for all students. They are committed and dedicated individuals and know the benefits of hard work to provide the best educational environment for your child(ren).

The remote return to school plan can be found here: [Remote Learning Plan](#). Flexibility continues to be underscored as updates to the plan may be necessitated by ongoing guidance. Please check the COVID page of our website frequently.

Additionally, there is a parent town hall scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30pm. This PreK-12 event will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and receive support around remote learning for their child. ([Town Hall Details](#))

Our first day for students is Tuesday September 8. If you are in need of support for technology or any other support service please reach out to your child’s school leader or email us at [board@woodburysch.com](mailto:board@woodburysch.com).

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Best,

Andrew T. Bell, Sr.  
Superintendent