



Port Jefferson UFSD Board of Education Meeting August 11, 2020

Reopening Update
Entering Our Schools-
Healthy, Well, & Prepared

Next Steps- Progress Check (from July 29 meeting)

- Submission of reopening plan to NYSED and DOH
- Publish plan on website
- Continue meeting with reopening committees to refine practices and protocols
- Update plan as necessary - **in progress**
- Calendar changes (September 8 start for students)
- Staff training for conference days (3 days)
- Purchase appropriate PPE and materials
- Monitor DOH, CDC, NYSED and Governor Guidance

Governor Cuomo Updates

- Announced on Friday, August 7, that schools can reopen.

“Determination of how individual districts reopen-in-person vs a hybrid model-will be made by local school districts under strict Department of Health guidelines.”-Daniel Fuller, Deputy Secretary for Education Governor’s Office.



- Hosting of staff and parent forums.
- Separate reopening plan information on remote learning, contact tracing , and testing on website.

Communication

- Reopening School Messenger, Friday , July 31
- Questions answered through reopeningquestions@portjeffschools.org
- Emails/Calls
- Website with resources
- Video series
- Required Parent Forums, August 17, 18, 19
- Building Faculty Meetings, July 30
- Full District Staff Google Meeting, August 14
- FAQ published by Friday, August 14
- Staff return to work guide and brochure



Scheduled Parent Forums

Elementary Reopening Meeting: Monday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Middle School Reopening Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

High School Reopening Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Events will be *Live Streamed* for the public. Parents can participate by submitting questions through a Google Form, posting a question through the live chat, or email.



Survey Results Updates

- Survey was open from Monday, August 3 through Sunday, August 9.
- 774 responses (some duplicates)
- 85% of respondents indicated they would return their students to in-person instruction.
- 15% of respondents indicated they would not return their students to in-person instruction; 97% of those who answered were interested in a full remote option.
- 66% of families indicated they want the option to ride the buses.
- 52% of respondents indicated *Social Isolation* was a concern.
- 97% of responses have access to high speed internet.
- Survey results are posted on our website under “Reopening”.

Full Time Online Instructional Model?

Will the District offer students and families the option of full online remote instruction?

- Currently not mandated by law or executive order.
- Mandated under current NYSED Home Tutoring requirements for students with a medical condition - this does not include family members with a medical condition. This can be in person or online depending on the needs of the student.
- Families still maintain the option to homeschool their student using the NYSED Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP).
- BOCES remote option or customized online program at a cost of \$10,000 per student (approximately \$1,000,000).

Students Interested in a Remote Option	
Elementary	47
Middle School	21
High School	27
Total	95



NYSED Office of Facilities and Planning Updates

- Another FAQ document was issued on August 5.
- Small pop-up shade tents are permitted.
- 6 foot social distancing measurement further explained.
- Submission of COVID-19 forms for small building modifications; such as sneeze guards.



Facilities Updates

- Hire two part-time custodial workers (approximately \$19,000 per person)
 - Positions are for the 2020-21 school year regardless of whether or not we are forced into full remote teaching.
- Buildings are setting up socially distanced classrooms and storing excess furniture.
- Clerical and office spaces were assessed and barriers will be installed in the agreed upon areas.
- Desk shields were purchased for small instructional spaces and some offices.



