
Lawnside School District

Transition Plan Highlights

March 27, 2021



Introduction

Mapping the Road Back for education in New Jersey required a collaborative, comprehensive, and careful approach to reopening schools as well as school district flexibility to pivot should health conditions change. Lawnside residents, students, and educators are resilient and with the guidance offered in this document, the district seeks to successfully develop a plan that allows school to transition to in-person instruction in a way that protects students' and educators' physical health while providing a high-quality education.

District Mission Statement

The mission of the Lawnside School District is to educate our students, through mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards(NJSLS), to become independent thinkers and problem solvers so they will be empowered to meet the challenges of and achieve success in tomorrow's emerging world community. The educational community will provide a safe, nurturing environment in which individual and civic responsibility is fostered and diversity is respected.

As the coronavirus has required school districts to be flexible, the Lawnside School District will increase its in-person instruction on Monday, April 19, 2021, Below is a guide highlighting updated aspects of our transition.

| Issue/Concern | District Proposal |
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| Face Coverings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students & staff must wear facial coverings throughout the day. • Face coverings are mandated throughout the building. Including the hallways, bathrooms and the classrooms. • Students will be social distanced during lunch so facial coverings can be removed. • If a student does not have a mask then the school will provide one for the student. • Students and staff with medical concerns should contact the Superintendent to discuss accommodations that can be made. |
| Screenings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be asked to self-screen before coming to school. • Temperature checks will be conducted on all students and staff as they enter the building. • Students or staff identified as needing further assessment (temperature at or above 100 degrees) will be sent to an isolation room for assessment by the school nurse and will be sent home if warranted. |
| Visitors & Public Gatherings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors to the building will be screened for their temperature before being admitted into the building. • Anyone with a temperature at or above 100 degrees will not be admitted into the building. |
| Positive Case Identification Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Camden County Health Department will conduct contact tracing for any students or staff identified as testing positive for COVID-19. • Upon notification of a confirmed case, the Superintendent will notify the staff and parents of the confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality. |

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| Arrival & Dismissal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will enter into the building starting at 8:20 am through the designated door by Cohort (PreK-2, Gr. 3-5, & Gr. 6-8). • Students will be dismissed out of the same doorway they entered school through in the morning. • Dismissal will be staggered M-TH; 3:00 (8th,5th,2nd) 3:05 (7th,4th,1st) 3:05 (6th, 3rd, K& PreK); Friday dismissal is 10 minutes earlier. • All PreK-2 students will be dismissed individually when their parent arrives at the door. • Parents are asked to socially distance while waiting to pick up students. • Students picking up younger siblings must exit the building and report to the designated door to pick up their sibling. |
| Classroom Arrangements & Procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential furniture will be removed from the classrooms. • Desks will be separated and facing forward to allow for social distancing. • Social distancing of 6ft will be required where possible. Keeping in mind the new guidance of 3ft if necessary. • Students will remain in their homeroom for the majority of the school day to minimize students interaction. • No lockers will be utilized. Students will take belongings into class. |
| Instruction/Technology/Internet Access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in Grades 1 – 8 will be issued a technology device for use at school & home. • Internet access will be provided through school & community resources for families deemed in need to close the digital divide. • All instruction will be web-based to limit the amount of paper/pencil transactions as well as provide consistency for in-person and remote learners. |
| Virtual Academy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Virtual Academy is the district’s Remote Learning Option. • Parents may opt to utilize fully remote learning with the option to transition to in-person learning if their situation changes. The parent must inform the district at a minimum of 24 hours prior to requesting the change in order to make sure social distancing accommodations can be put in place to receive the returning student. • Students must have access to WIFI regularly and the ability to access Google Classroom regularly throughout the school day. • Similar work will be taught and assigned to these students as their in-person cohort. • Daily virtual attendance will be taken. • Students required to quarantine or self-isolate must present documentation and will be assigned to the Virtual Academy on temporary basis. |

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| Meals & Food Distribution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast will be served in the classroom starting at 8:20 am upon student's arrival. • Student cohorts will be separated evenly as one group will eat within the classroom while the other group of students eats in the Cafeteria socially distanced. • The students will rotate locations on a weekly basis. • Virtual Academy students will receive food during a weekly distribution on Monday's from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm. • All meals will be pre-packaged |
| Childcare Providers | <p>The district will share the Transition Plan and protocols with all child care providers but will defer to each providers as to their availability and process for providing services to parents.</p> |
| Communication | <p>All district communication will be provided by the Superintendent / Staff to parents and stakeholder via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters • Emails • Parent Notification Systems (including board members) • Text messages • District Website |
| Parental Involvement | <p>We ask that parents assist with the following recommendations by the CDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review appropriate hand washing techniques. • Keeping students home if they exhibit cold or flu-like symptoms. • Do not return children to school without being fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. • Prepare students to wear masks for an extended period of time. |
| Cleaning Procedures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed at student entrances and in the hallways. • All classrooms/offices/common areas will be sanitized nightly. • "High touch" areas throughout the building (door knobs, rails, etc.) will be disinfected throughout the day. • All Bathrooms will be cleaned at least twice per day and as needed in cases of emergency. • Bathrooms will be sectioned off to promote social distancing. • No more than two students should be in the bathroom at one time. • Water fountains have transitioned to bottle filling stations. Parents are encouraged to have students bring their own container to use for filling water. • All classroom/office spaces have been upgraded with air purification devices. |

Please keep in mind that as the situation remains fluid, all plans and proposals are subject to change.

*We will make every effort to provide the most up-to-date information and ask for your patience as we continue to navigate this unprecedented situation and **“TRAVEL THIS ROAD TOGETHER!”***