

Dr. Saltzman staff message January 5, 2021

To: All EPS staff

From: Dr. Ian B. Saltzman, Superintendent

Regarding: Announcing four SPED programs returning January 19

I hope you had a restful holiday break and are ready to have an amazing 2021! We are starting the year by announcing we are bringing Developmental Kindergarten, Developmental Pre-K, STRIVE and Life Skills Pre-K starting Tuesday, January 19.

- Secondary students will be in the building M, T, Th, F with a remote learning day of Wednesday.
- o Primary students will be in the building M − F
- Developmental Pre-K will have a 4-day schedule

We had initially communicated to these families in the fall but had to delay their return. We are pleased we will be able to bring them back in two weeks.

Although COVID cases in the county are still high, we are able to bring small groups of students back into the building because of good safety planning and preparations and sufficient PPE.

Special Services will be communicating to returning families directly later today.

As we reopen to students, we will implement protocols to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and families. Families are being directed to a <u>Parent COVID-19 handbook</u>, and being given directions for daily health attestations as their child returns to the building.

- All students and staff will be asked to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If they are feeling sick, they should stay home from school. If they are experiencing symptoms of the virus, they should consult a healthcare professional right away and notify the school office.
- Students and staff will be frequently reminded about the importance of proper handwashing. We have placed no-touch hand sanitizer units throughout our buildings.
- All students and staff members will be required to wear masks or face coverings.
- We will follow the six (6)-foot social distancing recommendation and have indicated capacities for classrooms.

The health, safety, and well-being of our school community remains our top priority. We are following sound protocols aligned with expert health guidance.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in our school soon. If you have any questions, please contact your principal or supervisor. Once again, thank you for all your efforts to provide a smooth transition.

If you have any questions, please contact your building administrator or supervisor.

Be well,

Ian Saltzman Superintendent