

Roselle Public Schools

Instructional Plan

Central Office

August 20, 2020

Dear Roselle Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. The past few months have been challenging, as we have all tried to adjust to our new normal. Although there have been many changes, please know that the **Roselle Public Schools** commitment to our student scholars and their families remains the same. We want to provide the best instructional experience, while maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all.

This letter will provide you with some information regarding our district reopening plan. In an effort to adhere to the Center for Disease Control recommendations, and the New Jersey State requirement that districts meet all Health and Safety Standards prior to providing in-person instruction, we will have our student scholars return to school following an all **Virtual Model from September 8, 2020 through November 13, 2020**.

Instruction will be fully on-line Monday through Friday. Student Scholars in grades Pre-K through eighth grade will receive on-line instruction from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm, and student scholars in grades ninth through twelfth grade will receive on-line instruction from 8:02 am to 12:40 pm, (Zero Period: 7:25 am - 7:57 am). In the afternoons, teachers and staff members will be available to provide support during designated times. Please note, families are responsible for ensuring student scholars log-on for their daily instruction and complete and turn in all assignments.

On November 16, 2020, we intend to transition to a half-day Hybrid Model, while still offering the Virtual Only option. Once student scholars are able to participate in the Hybrid Model, parents will be asked to select their preferred method of instruction (Hybrid Model or Virtual Only Model). Student scholars will remain in the selected model for the entire second marking period.

Families selecting the Hybrid Model will have their student scholars in grades Pre-K through eighth grade receive in-school instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays (A Days), and receive instruction virtually on Wednesdays through Fridays. The remaining student scholars will attend school virtually Mondays through Wednesdays, and will receive in-school instruction on Thursdays and Fridays (B Days). All student scholars will receive virtual instruction on Wednesdays. Families selecting the Virtual Model will have their student scholars assigned to classes, which they will attend virtually every day.

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In an effort to minimize the number of student scholars at the High School, student scholars in the Hybrid Model will attend classes in-person once per week (Mondays - A1, Tuesdays - A2, Thursdays - B1, or Fridays - B2), and the remaining days they will receive virtual instruction.

Our intent is to create Family Cohorts, which will have all student scholars in a family attend in-person classes on the same days, where possible. Student scholars attending in-person classes will attend for 4.5 hours per day. At dismissal, grab and go lunches will be available. In the afternoon, teachers, paraprofessionals, and student support personnel will have hours available to support student scholars.

This school year, the district will be using the Schoology Learning Management System. Schoology is replacing Google Classroom and it has many resources to support our teachers and student scholars. Schoology Parent Workshops will be offered August 19 through August 25, 2020. All student scholars are expected to log-in to Schoology on a daily basis. Parents are expected to oversee their student scholars, and ensure that they are participating in all of their classes. If student scholars do not participate, then they will be marked absent and will not receive credit for the day.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, all staff and student scholars will have their temperature taken prior to entering any district facilities. Staff and student scholars will also wear masks. Parents and visitors will not be allowed in the buildings without an appointment. Prior to entering the school, all visitors will also have their temperature screened. Another option will be to schedule virtual meetings.

Parents are expected to pick up their student scholars promptly at dismissal time. We do not have the means to house student scholars from different classes in different areas without mixing cohorts. Unfortunately, when student scholars are not picked up on time it creates an unsafe environment for everyone, and we will have to contact the Division of Child Protection and Permanency and/or the Roselle Police Department.

Thank you for your patience and support during these trying times. We look forward to welcoming back our student scholars, staff and families.

Sincerely,

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