



Upper Township School District

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Dear Families:

After much debate, deliberation, constructive banter and hours of analysis, I am pleased to announce that the “UTSD Return to Learn Plan” has been revised and BOE approved to include a return to 5 full-days of in-person learning for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year (updated version is available on the District website).

As previously discussed, this plan is predicated upon the conditions and constraints as of this moment in time. If and when circumstances require us to implement another iteration of the plan, the District remains prepared to address all situations and will communicate those modifications in a timely manner.

To assist you in understanding the plan, please review the following:

1. Students will be placed on two (2) different teams: Eagles and Ospreys.
 - a. Eagles are the students participating in the “In-Person Model” of instruction; receiving their live education in school for all 5 days.
 - b. Ospreys are the students participating in the “All-Virtual Model” of instruction; receiving their e-learning education at home for all 5 days.
2. The new schedules for ALL UT students begin on **Monday, March 15**.
3. Prior to March 15, additional information will be distributed explaining/highlighting changes in schedules and protocols.
4. ALL current and existing safety protocols and procedures will remain in effect for the duration of the school year.
5. While a 3ft minimum of social distancing has been established, students and staff will make every attempt to maintain 6ft, to the greatest extent possible, of social distance between others.
6. We anticipate that a typical bus run will have approximately 30-35 riders. Regardless of the actual number, ALL riders will be required to wear a mask at all times.



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7. Class sizes will range from 15-23 students per class; enabling us to social distance to the greatest extent possible and minimize the risk of infection.
8. Masks remain mandatory for ALL staff and students with the following exceptions:
 - a. During designated, supervised breaks (students will be 6ft apart).
 - b. In situations when wearing a mask places an individual with a documented underlying health condition at a greater health risk (none at the moment).
 - c. PK/K students are expected to wear masks; however, we acknowledge the challenges that are associated with students of this age.

On behalf of the BOE, the administration and all of our dedicated staff, I thank you for your continued support, understanding, and cooperation as we all prepare to return to an environment of traditional learning.

To that end, please remember that the health and safety of our staff and students remain our top priority. Equally important, the District is prepared to make the necessary transitions between models if and when circumstances arise and warrant that level of intervention.

Yours in safety and good health,

Mr. Palmieri