



July 31, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Rumson School District,

At my first eighth grade graduation speech here in the Rumson School District, I drew my inspiration from an ancient Nigerian proverb that reminds us that it takes a village to raise a child. As I write this letter, I cannot help but realize how true this has been over the past few months and into the 2020-2021 school year. This “village” of stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, Board of Education members, parents, and health experts within our community, has pulled together to ensure our PreKindergarten through eighth grade students have an upcoming school year that ensures a quality education within a safe and healthy school environment.

Although I wish I did not have to share anything but a return to a normal school schedule and routine, I am proud to know that the school reopening plan being shared with you today is truly in the best interest of keeping our students safe and healthy in the present and fully prepared for their academic rigors in the future.

Enclosed in this letter are links to five important documents that will guide our opening for the new school year. These documents are also located on the district website at [www.rumsonschool.org](http://www.rumsonschool.org).

1. [The Rumson School District Restart Policy Plan](#) - This plan outlines the policies and procedures our schools are required to implement under the New Jersey Department of Education guidance. All related district policies and procedures are superseded by what is outlined in this plan.
2. [The Rumson School District Restart Operational Plan](#) - This plan outlines the actual procedures being followed in our schools for arrival, dismissal, and all activities in-between. *Please be aware this plan is subject to change in response to changes in health and school guidance.*
3. [The Rumson School District Full-Time Remote Option Protocol](#) - This protocol outlines the procedures for opting out of in-person instruction and participating in full-time remote instruction.
4. [Full-time Remote and Transportation Survey](#)- This survey **MUST BE FILLED OUT BY EVERY FAMILY BY AUGUST 7TH**. This survey will inform the school, classroom, and bus rosters and ensure the health measures and academic programming we have in place can be delivered in the best possible way. Cohort rosters will be released in mid-August.
5. [Restart Plan Quick Reference Guide](#) - This guide will help navigate the large amount of information found in these plans.

With a whole lot of reading on your plate, I want to quickly close by reminding everyone that our focus at this time is not to mourn the loss of what has been familiar to us as a school experience, but instead to shine through this pandemic by making the experience we have before us the best experience possible for our children.

To help you navigate through this with as much clarity as possible, I will be hosting two virtual meetings to answer any of your questions. These links are located on the district website as well.

**Rumson Restart Parent Information Session (AM)**

**Time: Aug 4, 2020 09:30 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75296090456?pwd=VjFleGNpd2dnUIVoZkZva0JoazZWQT09>

Meeting ID: 752 9609 0456

Passcode: LwsJ2E

**Rumson Restart Parent Information Session (PM)**

**Time: Aug 4, 2020 06:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71223936839?pwd=MzJDRnZqWnlaNVhqRzdUL1JSVmpvZz09>

Meeting ID: 712 2393 6839

Passcode: 5SEvTh

With pride,

Dr. John E. Bormann  
Superintendent of the Borough of Rumson School District