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Dear Bayonne Community Members,

I would like to update you regarding our return to school plan for September 2020. We are on target for a community announcement once the New Jersey Department of Education approves our plan on or about August 4, 2020.

As part of the NJDOE approval process, the Bayonne Board of Education approved a plan for September 2020 on July 27, 2020. The plan now requires the approval from the New Jersey Department of Education. The Board of Education approved three potential learning plans:

1. All schools will begin the school year learning from home virtually
2. Hybrid model of rotating every two days AA/BB/CC for live instruction and virtual instruction
3. Students return to school in September while allowing home virtual learning for those parents who choose not to send their children on campus

The Bayonne School District waits to see if our virtual plan (#1) will be approved by the NJDOE. The virtual plan may not be approved. However, we believe this plan is the safest course for all of our students, their families, our community and our employees. If the virtual plan is not approved, the school district will then go with a hybrid model (#2) where students are divided into three groups (A, B, C), with a rotation every two days in school and virtual learning from home.

The district could also return with all students in school if COVID-19 drastically improves or is eradicated - however at this time that it is very unlikely. As you are aware, COVID-19 is everchanging and thus we are planning for all scenarios. There is a possibility that we can return to school if some students opt for virtual school (#3). This would allow our schools to open daily while safely social distancing with less students physically in the buildings.

As stated above, we will advise our community on or about August 4, 2020 on the approval of our return plan from the New Jersey Department of Education. The safety of our students, employees and community is our number one priority. We also realize the inherent challenges the return to school will provide and we prepare for all scenarios. I would like to thank all of our stakeholders for their feedback, input, suggestions, questions, comments and concerns.

**\*\* Details for our September learning plan will be released when our plan is approved \*\***

Sincerely,

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