



August 4, 2021

Dear Chatsworth Elementary Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the first week of August! As September will be here before we know it, we would like to provide you with some important updates for the 2021-22 school year.

**School Day:** We will return to our traditional five day per week full day schedule. Our student day is 8:40-3:10. (\*First day for students is September 9, 2021 – early dismissal 8:40-12:50)

- 8:40-8:50am is our Homeroom period. Instruction begins in all classrooms at 8:50am.
- Students are officially marked late at 8:50am.

**Masking:** As long as the decision for masking is left at the district level, masks will be optional for all individuals.

- Please be aware that the most recent guidance from the Department of Health and the CDC does recommend masking for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.

\*there may be times when masks are requested to be worn by teachers in an effort to complete small group activities

**Social Distancing:** Social distancing will still be enforced to the greatest extent possible. Given the size of our district we are fortunate to be able to practice six feet distancing at almost all times.

- Contact tracing requirements are still being followed. A person is considered a close contact when they are within six feet for at least 15 minutes.

**Quarantining:** The district will follow the most up to date guidance in regards to quarantine time frames when an individual is positive for COVID-19 and/or determined to be a close contact.

- Please be aware that quarantine timelines will be based on mask wearing, vaccination status, and close contact status.



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**Student and Family Illnesses:** The district remained open for the vast majority of the 2021-22 school year. This was due to the cooperation of our families and staff.

- **It is critical for you to keep your child home if they or someone in your household is sick.** We understand that this can be difficult with childcare and school age children. Complete support of this practice will enable our school to remain open throughout this pandemic.
- More information will be provided as school begins to open in regards how students who are ill and/or have to quarantine will be able to remain up to date with their schoolwork.

**Lunch:** For 2021-22 school year, lunch and breakfast will again be free for all students. Both will again be bagged offerings. More information to come as we get closer to the start of the school.

- Social distancing during lunches will be enforced. Outside eating will be utilized as long as weather cooperates with us.

**Transportation:** Lenape Regional will be providing our transportation again for the 2021-22 school year.

- Students are only permitted to have one pick-up and drop-off stop. This stop must be the same for the morning and afternoon.
- If you need your child's bus stop to be one other than your home address, please contact the main office as soon as possible at 609-726-1230
- Bus pick-up and drop-off times will be mailed to you at the end of August.

As always, these protocols are subject to change at any time as guidance and mandates change within New Jersey. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at 609-726-1230.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Misty Weiss  
Superintendent