



West Deptford Township School District

August 25, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As you are aware, the West Deptford School District Administrators, the District Reopening Task Force, and the District/building subcommittees have been working very hard to accommodate our school reopening plans for September.

Due to the social distancing requirements for in-person instruction and the required full virtual option that was offered, the District created four cohorts of students (A, B, C and D) in a hybrid learning model. Based on the data compiled by the results for instructional and programmatic options, we have encountered staffing challenges that were unforeseen prior to receiving the results of our parent survey. As a result, it has been determined that the District does not have the necessary certified staff members required to open in both a hybrid and virtual model. At this time we are not able to increase the size of our staff and the District needs additional time to evaluate options.

Due to these challenges, all instruction will take place through the virtual model beginning September 8 through November 9, at which time the District will determine the possibility of returning to in-person learning. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we continue to monitor the situation closely and provide timely updates.

Later this week, the schools will be sharing information regarding class placements and what the virtual learning day will look like. There will be clear expectations for students and staff for all learning during the virtual model.

Communications will be coming regarding Preschool, Young Eagles, and special needs. Please contact your building principal with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gregory Cappello
Superintendent of Schools
West Deptford School District