



August 11, 2020

Dear Hampton Families:

Fred Rogers once wrote, “Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.” Last night’s Board Meeting was such a milestone. After months of researching and assessing options for the safe reopening of Hampton Schools under the guidance of the state and county departments of health, the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and other agencies, your District’s Administrative Team received School Board approval last evening to resume instruction under the “Learn at School & Learn at Home Hybrid Concept.” The “Learn at School & Learn at Home Hybrid Concept” approach to student learning enables students to participate in classes within our schools two days per week and learn at home three days per week. The benefit of this approach is that it reduces the number of students at school by 50%, which facilitates maximum social distancing, makes health monitoring easier, enhances the ability to conduct contact tracing, and increases the ability to keep schools open. On the days students are not in school, they will engage in a variety of technology based solutions to continue school learning. Also, the option for families to choose a fully online learning experience through enrollment in Hampton Online Academy (HOA) was approved as well.

Please note, that the new start date for school will be August 27 (attached is the revised 2020-2021 school calendar) – In order to allow for careful orientation for all students - Pod A students will begin on August 27 and Pod B on August 28 with the normal Hybrid schedule beginning on August 31st.

The District’s ultimate goal is to move from the hybrid model back to full, in-person instruction at the conclusion of the first 9 weeks of school, or earlier if at all possible. However, this is dependent upon the local status of the virus and the ability to maintain safety under those conditions. Just yesterday, the state departments of health and education introduced a metric dashboard for reviewing incidence rates and percentage of positivity. We will be reviewing that as part of our assessment process to determine when full, in-person instruction can commence.

Recognizing that families have many questions about the return to school, we are in the process of preparing a FAQ document which will be posted and continuously updated on our website later today. In the meantime, allow me to share with you the schedule we have created for in-school attendance, designed to reduce the number of students within our buildings by 50%:

(Please note that the exception to this schedule is the first two days of school as outlined above.)

- Students with last names starting with the **letters A-K (Pod A)** *Learn at School* on Mondays and Tuesdays and *Learn at Home* on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Students with last names starting with the **letters L-Z (Pod B)** *Learn at School* on Thursdays and Fridays and *Learn at Home* on Mondays and Tuesdays.

All students will *Learn at Home* on Wednesdays. This will allow for thorough cleaning of buildings, differentiated instructional activities, developmentally appropriate designed learning, and teacher planning and preparation. Thorough cleaning of the buildings will also occur at the end of each week in advance of students and staff returning to school on Monday.

Once again, please look for our FAQ document that will be posted on the home page of the website, which will address most logistical questions and detail our steps for ensuring healthy buildings, classrooms, schedules and transportation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael R. Loughead
Superintendent of Schools

Hampton Township School District

REVISED 2020-2021 Calendar

| AUGUST 2020 | | | | | | |
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| Date | Activities | Student Days | Teacher Days |
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| Thurs., Aug. 20 | Prof. Dev. Day #1 | | |
| Fri., Aug. 21 | Prof. Dev. Day #2 | | |
| Mon., Aug. 24 | Prof. Dev. Day #3 | | |
| Tues., Aug. 25 | Prof. Dev. Day #4 | | |
| Wed., Aug. 26 | Clerical Day #1 | | |
| Thurs., Aug. 27 | First Day of School for Students | | |
| <i>Total August Days</i> | | 3 | 8 |
| Mon., Sept. 7 | Labor Day | | |
| <i>Total September Days</i> | | 21 | 21 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 24 | 29 |
| Mon., Oct. 12 | Columbus Day Prof. Dev. Day #5 | | |
| <i>Total October Days</i> | | 21 | 22 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 45 | 51 |
| Fri., Nov. 6 | Elem - Clerical Day #2 Sec - ½ Clerical Day #1.5 ½ Prof. Dev. Day #5.5 | | |
| Fri., Nov. 13 | Elementary Act 80 Day | | |
| Thurs., Fri., Mon. Nov. 26, 27, 30 | Thanksgiving Break | | |
| <i>Total November Days</i> | | 17 | 18 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 62 | 69 |
| Dec. 23-31 | Winter Break | | |
| <i>Total December Days</i> | | 16 | 16 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 78 | 85 |
| Fri., Jan. 1 | Winter Break (cont.) | | |
| *Note - Keystone Exam Window 1/4/21 thru 1/15/21 | | | |
| Mon., Jan. 18 | Martin L. King, Jr. Day Elem – Prof. Dev. Day #6 Sec ½ Clerical Day #2 ½ Prof. Dev. Day #6 | | |
| Fri., Jan. 22 | End of 1 st Semester | | |
| <i>Total January Days</i> | | 19 | 20 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 97 | 105 |
| Fri., Feb. 12 | No School | | |
| Mon., Feb. 15 | Presidents' Day | | |
| <i>Total February Days</i> | | 18 | 18 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 115 | 123 |
| Fri., March. 12 | No School | | |
| <i>Total March Days</i> | | 22 | 22 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 137 | 145 |
| *Note – PSSA Exam Window 4/19/21 thru 5/7/20 | | | |
| Apr. 1 - 5 | Spring Break | | |
| <i>Total April Days</i> | | 19 | 19 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 156 | 164 |
| *Note - Keystone Exam Window 5/17/21 thru 5/28/21 | | | |
| Mon., May 31 | Memorial Day | | |
| <i>Total May Days</i> | | 20 | 20 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 176 | 184 |
| Thurs., June 10 | HS Graduation | | |
| Fri., June 11 | Last Day for Students | | |
| Mon., June 14 | Clerical Day #3 | | |
| <i>Total June Days</i> | | 9 | 10 |
| <i>Cumulative Total</i> | | 185 | 194 |

| <u>Possible Make-up Days</u> | | <u>Semester Terms</u> |
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| Feb. 12, 2021 | June 14, 2021 | 1 st Semester – 92 Days (1/22/21) |
| June 15, 2021 | June 16, 2021 | 2 nd Semester – 93 Days (6/11/21) |

| FEBRUARY 2021 | | | | | | |
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