



# PHASED REOPENING UPDATE

January 18, 2021

Dear Hampton Families:

Currently, the Hampton Township School District is carefully implementing the Phased Reopening Plan, which was re-approved by the Board of School Directors at the December 7, 2020, Board Reorganization Meeting. As you may recall, this plan involves elementary students attending in-person instruction five-days per week and secondary students attending on an enhanced hybrid plan. The District recommended and is implementing these instructional models in alignment with the approved Health and Safety Plan required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

In recent discussions with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), it is expected that the level of community transmission in the County will likely remain in the substantial phase for the foreseeable future based on current conditions. Therefore, the District believes that it is prudent to plan accordingly and implement an ongoing enhanced hybrid schedule for Hampton High School and Hampton Middle School for the month of February. The specific schedule for the continued enhanced hybrid schedule is listed below and continues the schedule that has been in place since the implementation of this plan. We have carefully designed the month of February so that both Pod A and Pod B have nine in-person instruction days and nine remote learning days each. Also, we continue to provide appropriate transportation for our students that attend the A.W. Beattie Career Center so they are able to attend the in-person opportunities there which are now being provided there on a weekly basis.

## Enhanced Secondary Hybrid Instructional Model

February 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	<b>A</b> 1	<b>B</b> 2	<b>A</b> 3	<b>A</b> 4	<b>B</b> 5	6
7	<b>A</b> 8	<b>B</b> 9	<b>B</b> 10	<b>A</b> 11	<b>12</b>	13
14	<b>15</b>	<b>B</b> 16	<b>A</b> 17	<b>A</b> 18	<b>B</b> 19	20
21	<b>A</b> 22	<b>B</b> 23	<b>B</b> 24	<b>A</b> 25	<b>B</b> 26	27
28						

Cohort A – 9 in-person instructional days

Cohort B – 9 in-person instructional days

Red blocks indicates No School day

The District continues to support all K-12 students who are required to quarantine or isolate due to exposure to COVID-19 through remote learning and other appropriate methods. We understand that these requirements to quarantine will continue to occur as the need for a careful response with respect to the pandemic in our region is required. We will certainly support students engaged in travel quarantines as appropriate for our families.

Additionally, we have the capacity to enroll students in the Hampton Online Academy as appropriate. We want our families to know that the Online Academy is an open enrollment possibility at this time as we are moving towards the beginning of the second semester. As we have stated throughout the implementation of our current plan, the Hampton Online Academy is the sole option should a family choose not to have their students participate in any in-person instruction. Our enhanced hybrid program and the in-person elementary program is designed and has been Board approved with the requirement and expectation for in-person school attendance. We have implemented this plan carefully and it is our sincere belief that it is a highly effective educational program that also meets our students and families' health and safety needs.

We want to express our thanks to our students and families for supporting our enhanced mitigation and responding to our need to contact trace and work with the Allegheny County Health Department to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We appreciate the extra effort that our families and students have been making to follow all of our mitigation expectations and guidance from the Health Department both at school and in the community. We will continue to work diligently to implement our health and safety plan as approved by the Board, and we request that our families continue to support the strategies that we have in place, which have proven to be effective from both an educational and health and safety standpoint.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Loughhead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Dr. Michael Loughhead  
Superintendent of Schools