



# Northfield Community School District

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Dear Northfield Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. This summer certainly has passed quickly. As we draw nearer to the start of the school year, I want to share some information and address some issues that may be on everyone's mind.

Governor Murphy announced last week that any school district who felt like they could not meet the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) Reopening Checklist requirements through their reopening plan had the option to start the school year totally remote. As a result, some school districts in Atlantic county have announced that they will be starting their school year in this manner. The Northfield City School District Reopening Plan ([click here to see the plan](#)) that was approved by the Board of Education on August 6, 2020 was submitted to the Atlantic County Board of Education for review against the aforementioned checklist and it has been approved. As such, our district will be opening in a hybrid model as previously communicated. This means that the first day of school for the students will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

The principals are finalizing the students' schedules as quickly as possible. To accomplish this, they must enter information into the Parent Portal of our student information system and any parent who accesses the portal will see the information as it is entered. Please note that this information is not yet complete. The principals will be communicating with the families to let them know when they can see their final schedules in the Parent Portal. We apologize for the delay in sharing this information, but the principals worked very hard to accommodate all of the family's needs for AM and PM grouping.

Finally, I would like to inform families that information regarding our School Aged Child Care (SACC) program is now available on our district website under the "Departments" tab. I encourage anyone interested in the program to visit our website to learn more about the details as they are different this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

In closing, I once again want to thank everyone for their continued support throughout this process. I recognize that our current environment, which is always subject to change, is very stressful. I promise everyone that all of our staff and teachers are working very hard to create an environment for our children that is as stress free and as close to "normal" as possible in these unprecedented times.

## "Children First"

Respectfully,

*Pedro P. Bretones*

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