# The Road Forward

Branchburg Township School District
Return to School Plan
September 2021

August 19, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

## NJ DOE Guidance

Local Education Agencies must plan to provide full-day, fulltime, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year.

## YIPEE!!!!



## Implications

• Our students will have the opportunity to learn together, to socialize, to participate in sports and clubs and to feel like school is all that it is intended to be.

• Our teachers can have more opportunities to personalize instruction, meet with small groups of students, and create strong classroom communities.

## We Are Bburg Strong!

- Additional class sections at grade levels to support small class sizes
- Additional sections of math and LA in the middle school
- Strong Guidance support for students
- Clarified curriculum for teachers
- Social-Emotional Learning Specialist
- Instructional Aides in kindergarten
- Safety and hygiene protocols in place

## **Protocols**

- All students, staff, and visitors will be masked, as long as the Executive Order is in effect. All students and drivers will be masked on the bus.
- Students will be separated in their classrooms by a distance of 3 feet, whenever possible.
- Students will have a lunch period with their classmates, either in the cafeteria or in their classroom. K-5 students will have a recess period.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available in the classrooms and common areas.

### **Protocols**

- Parents will be asked to monitor their children's health and keep them home from school if they show signs of illness.
- "Close Contact" guidelines will be followed to prevent the spread of infection.
- In the event of a positive case of COVID, contract tracing protocols will be followed.
- Instruction will be made available for students who are required to quarantine based on COVID guidelines.

#### Outcomes

- In person schooling for all students
- Much of what we missed in the last 2 years will be restored sports, clubs, concerts, field trips, intramurals, etc.
- Checking out a library book
- Buying a snack from the cafeteria
- Spontaneous connections between teachers and students
- Multiple opportunities for learning support
- Friendships

#### Focus

The mission of the Branchburg Township School District and Community is to inspire our children to learn, think, grow and excel in life.