

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL OPENING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

1. **Call to Order – 1:02 pm**
2. **Attendance - Task Force Committee Members**
3. **Introduction-** Mr. Simons stated he has confidence in the stakeholders. This is all new territory and we must bring a “can do” attitude to the process. There are many questions, but we will do the best that we and we have an exceptional group of Task Force members. Mr. Simons mentioned that we need to remain positive and optimistic.

Mr. Simons reviewed the documents shared with the members, requiring health checks daily for students and staff. Develop maximum plans for social distancing whenever possible. Have a plan in place should a child becomes sick. Mr. Simons reiterated proper hygiene.

Mr. Simons also mentioned reporting requirements for student attendance and a system must be put in place to track attendance.

Mr. Simons shared a draft timeline which is tight and required and the Dept. of Health Guidelines. Dept. of Health recommends acceptable face coverings and individual wear masks at all times with the exception during meals. Staff is to wear masks while in the school buildings.

4. **Subgroup Committees-** Technology and connectivity; survey is in place to determine family access to devices as well as high speed broadband. Today, 2154 responses were received.

Social distancing was addressed to maintain protocols and procedures to ensure all responsible parties are adhering to the guidelines.

Transportation-Mr. Noeth spoke about acceptable face coverings for bus drivers.

Food Service-Ms. Sanford-Krug suggested staggering times for students to eat. She mentioned her staff are ready and willing to return to work.

Maintenance and Grounds-Mr. Bickel is evaluating the current filters and
is working with his department on any adjustments that need to be made.

Marissa Cannon stated the safe return for employees is the biggest concern. A back to work training for employees is being implemented.

- 5. New Business-** NERIC has a health screening survey tool for employees which is an online tool screening to be done every day prior to reporting to work. This tool has worked very well with the summer school program.

Mr. Simons spoke on the Governors directives for schools reopening and the formula to determine virus control. The daily infection rate must be below 5% during a 14 day average. Schools will close if the rate is greater than 9% on a seven day average.

Mr. Jack Alvey spoke in depth about the Hybrid Plan, what it entails, potential scenarios and different hybrid alternatives.

Principals visited their rooms to determine the possibility of social distancing and the logistics of such.

Mr. McHugh mentioned educators need to look at testing content and prioritize realizing scheduling is difficult during a pandemic. He said we may need to look at adjusting the school day calendar. He spoke about transportation protocols, contractual work times and self contained classrooms. Mr. McHugh stated that we will need to make use of all buildings and staff available.

- 6. Next Steps -** Mr. Simons would like comments on the proposals for reopening, via email to principals or supervisors. Mr. Simons emphasized we need to adhere to the timeline. Next School Reopening Task Force meeting will be Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1 pm.

- 7. Adjournment - 3:40**