

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL OPENING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE  
Monday July 20, 2020

1. **Call to Order – 1:07 pm**
2. **Attendance - Task Force Committee Members**
3. **Introduction-** Mr. Simons stated that we now have guidance and we are in a position or better in terms of the timeline that was released. There are a lot of questions, some will be answered to some degree during the meeting with the understanding we have more work to do. Mr. Simons wanted a draft plan in the form of a narrative, that could be posted to the web site by the end of the week. At the next Board of Education meeting, a portion will be advertised as a Public Hearing, this will be an opportunity for members to present their plan to the Board of Education and the community. Mr. Simons spoke about the importance of everyone to understand what is being proposed and the safety protocols that are in place.

Mr. Simons stated there are three models which are required; in person, remote and hybrid. There are so many questions with each model; social distancing, eating, transitioning, number of students in the classrooms. The procedures support an implementation of a hybrid model. Mr. Simons stated this is important because at any given time, we may have to quickly switch to full remote learning. As there are many different models of hybrid, it is the Districts intention to provide as much equity as possible to K-12 students as we can and to provide consistency and continuity of instruction.

4. **Subgroup Committees-** Mr. McHugh spoke about a hybrid A/B model and what that entails. He mentioned that there are compelling arguments no matter what model is implemented. The District's hybrid plan guarantees face time for K-12 students. Wednesday would be a full day remote learning. We must maintain grade level course to synchronous learning. Mr. McHugh said all options were looked at and came to the conclusion that synchronous learning would allow students to connect at the same time. This remote schedule provides the right balance of work that can be supported in person. The plan needs to be equitable for all students.

Health and Safety- Mr. Tooker said his subcommittee would meet again to solidify their plan. To date, signage is placed for up to six feet of social distancing.

Buildings and Grounds- Mr. Bickel said his staff are cleaning and disinfecting according to all guidelines. Mr. Bickel spoke about the guidance of custodial staff being well protected with gowns, masks, goggles, etc. More guidance will be given on this matter. Mr. Bickel mentioned the District may need to utilize substitute custodial workers more frequently.

Transportation-Mr. Noeth said temperature checks and screenings are in place. Mr. Noeth spoke about the social distancing on the bus and the plan is one student per seat on the window side. A large bus can hold 22 students on a 66 passenger bus. There will be a drop and go system in place. Buses drop off students, pull ahead and disinfect their bus before the next run.

Nutrition-Ms. Sanford-Krug spoke about school lunches being ordered the week prior and is diligently working on plans for remote lunch service.

Equity and Access- Mr. Goodwin spoke about the survey sent to parents in relation to digital access. Slides were shared with the Task Force Committee.

Social and Emotional Support-Ms. Squillace spoke about the emphasis on student reaccumulating back to school due to the social disconnecting and to be sensitive to that.

Bilingual Education/MLL/ELL-Mr. McHugh spoke about the importance of communication and that all information is translated in the appropriate language. The District will maximize the use of translation services.

Budget and Fiscal-Ms. Wager said there were a lot of question marks. COVID-19 impacted the whole economy. Ms. Wager will be monitoring the Districts reserves. The State projects 8.2 billion dollar gap in budget, absent additional funding.

5. **Next Steps** - Mr. Simons commented that childcare is not a requirement of the guidance but is a need. The need for childcare is anticipated within our District. Mr. Simons is currently working on identifying community sites and complying with the Office of Children and Family Services and being approved by the State.
6. **Adjournment - 3:05**