Restart and Recovery Plan - Revision
Recent Updates on COVID-19 in children

American Academy of Pediatrics

- Over 406,000 children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of the pandemic and children represented 9.1% of all cases
- Overall rate: 538 cases per 100,000 children in the population
- 7/9-8/6 a 90% increase in child cases over 4 weeks
- 7/30-8/13 Additional 24% increase in child cases over 2 weeks


*Recent evidence suggests that children likely have the same or higher viral loads in their nasopharynx compared with adults and that children can spread the virus effectively in households and camp settings
Prospect Park Data

- Passaic County has the highest rate of transmission in the state.

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Specific Challenges to Prospect Park School

- Desk barriers ordered are in production, have not arrived yet
- Gowns on order, have not arrived yet
- Lack of substitute teachers in NJ. Many are fearful to return due to their own medical concerns
- Gloves are in stock, however additional have not arrived yet
- Custodial positions have not been filled: Still need to hire 1 full time custodian and 2 part time custodians. The District staff has been working diligently however the extra precautions cannot be handled by current staffing
- Lunch/Playground aide positions have not been filled. The additional staff is necessary to cover student lunch in classrooms and monitor classes during “recess”
- Many students travelled out of state, some out the country, camp. Families may not be aware they came in contact with someone who may have been carrying the virus
- Prospect Park numbers have been on the rise weekly, over last 5 weeks especially ½ of all families surveyed are are requesting remote learning or their children
Prospect Park School District is applying for a waiver to move to virtual learning through November 11, 2020.

Prospect Park will examine all necessary information by October 15 to determine if we can meet the minimum requirements of the NJ Department of Education Guidelines, as well as tracking the numbers within the borough.
What will be similar to last year’s virtual learning?

“Grab and Go” Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students of Prospect Park School District.

Chromebooks will be given out to any student who does not have one at home.

Wifi - if needed will be available for families that do not have access.

All school staff will be available to families for questions and continuous support.
What will the school day look like?

Students will use Google Meets to meet with their teacher throughout the day.

Student attendance will be taken each day by the teacher when a student signs into their homeroom class online.

Students will take part in both asynchronous and synchronous learning activities

- Synchronous: The teacher and students meet together virtually and the teacher guides students during a lesson.
- Asynchronous: The student takes part in an online or other activity on their own without the teacher or class.

Students will be meeting with teachers everyday multiple times a day.
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Learning activities will take place from 8:30-3:10 each day, with a break for lunch.

Students will meet with physical education and specials virtually as per their schedule.

Students in grades 2-8 will be using Google Platform.

Students in grades Kindergarten-1 will be using either Google Platform or SeeSaw (we are finalizing this next week).

PreK students will take part in a variety of online and offline activities.

All school staff will be available to families for any questions and support.
Parent Education

Over the next month, the district will offer live Zoom Classes for parents to learn more about Google Classroom and other virtual platforms so that you may be able to help your child.
Why do we assess kids?

Teachers use assessment to help understand:

- Where students are in their learning
- What learning activities or experiences students need
- What learning activities work best for the students in their classes
- What students have learned and what they did not learn
How do we assess kids?

Teachers will use the following to assess students:

- Group and individual projects
- Student answers to questions asked in class
- Writing assignments
- Online assignments
- Listening to students read
- Student self-assessment
- Conversation with individual students or groups of students

Test or quizzes will be used less during online instruction as they do not always reflect the learning.

Teachers will use rubrics to understand where children are and what they have learned.
Helping Students Social Emotional Well Being During This Time

Social Emotional Learning

- Teachers will provide 5 days of SEL Lessons within the first 10 days of school. Teachers will then follow up with additional lessons 2x’s monthly.
- Teachers and Students will take part in mindfulness exercises 2x’s per day.
- Families will get regular information regarding Social Emotional Learning so they can support their students at home with the five competencies.
Helping Students Social Emotional Well Being During This Time

- The guidance team will continue to provide social and emotional support to individual and small groups of students.
- A clinical social worker will be available once per week to offer school based therapy services to parents/students as needed.
- Guidance will take part in a series discussions with students to support students through this transition.
- The Administrators/Guidance and CST team will have planned check in meetings with teachers at the start of school and throughout the year to identify students in need of support.
Helping Student Learning Loss

Teachers will assess all students during the first 30 days to see where the students are in their learning.

Focus will be on both learning to support last year’s standards AS WELL AS moving forward with this year’s standards.

Teachers will provide individualized work in the areas of math and reading to support any learning loss.

Teachers will work with small groups of students to support students in particular areas.

Students who need additional help may qualify for title services which would provide additional support in learning.
How can you help in this new world?

Help make your child a schedule, reflective of their daily instructional periods. Ensure they start the day as they would In Person in school.

Gather all necessary items for learning in one workspace (pencils, paper, crayons…)

Create a quiet workspace for your child

Encourage a regular bedtime; class will begin promptly each day

Have your child show you the work they are doing

Connect with your child’s teacher regularly via email should you have questions

Make sure your child takes part in ALL classes especially specials and physical education. These classes often offer different learning experiences that are important for students physical, social and emotional wellbeing
Connecting with families

We will be connecting with our families via email during this time.

All families can create a free email through Google www.google.com

Download our new Parent App from the Android or IOS Apple Store Realtime Link For Parents

This will provide information regarding:
- Grades
- Absences
- Schedule

We will continue to have Family nights virtually

Back to School Night will be virtual
Thank you for your support and continued understanding as we navigate through this tumultuous time.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email or phone should you have any questions or concerns.

We are here for you!