

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families,

On February 1, 2021 South Brunswick Schools will resume in-person learning for those families who have selected that option for their children. [Please click here to view the hybrid model schedule that will be followed beginning Monday, February 1st, 2021.](#)

**All students that have selected in-person learning will be expected to be in-person all 5-days per week.** Students cannot hop back and forth in-between virtual and in-person. In order for us to manage all safety regulations and Department of Education guidance regarding in-person learning, knowing our exact expected in-person enrollment is of huge importance.

We thank everyone for keeping the schools informed about your decision and at this time, as we prepare finishing touches for Monday, we cannot take any more changes from virtual to in-person for our February 1st start. However, we do know that things change, but we do need time to process whenever a family requests for a child to switch from virtual to in-person. Below is the procedure and timeline that we will ask you to follow so that we can always manage our in-person safety measures effectively.

### **Requesting a change from in-person to virtual**

This request does not require much lead time. In other words, a change from in-person learning to fully virtual learning can be implemented in a 24-hour period. We ask that you email your child's principal with this request. Please note that once you make this request, moving back to in-person learning will require you to follow the procedure below.

### **Requesting a change from virtual to in-person learning**

This request is far more complicated than the above and requires a parent to follow this process as well as understand the timeline.

1. Email both your child's teacher(s) and the school Principal with the request to move to in-person learning.
2. This request will be processed by the school and **could take as many as 10 school days to approve.** It, of course, could happen more quickly depending on the circumstance and the impact a new student would have on existing safety measures and class sizes.
3. **ALL** requests to move from virtual to in-person **WILL BE GRANTED**, just please know that depending on the situation the following could be required (solely due to safety measures such as social distancing requirements and school enrollment and class size).

**\*NOTE - it will not be our desire to let any of the following occur, but safety will be the deciding factor on such decisions.**

- a. A teacher, class, section or schedule change may be required to accommodate the request.
  - b. In the rarest of instances at the elementary level, a school change (however, this would be beyond any last resort) could be required. Transportation would be provided.
4. As soon as the principal can safely accommodate your request (not to exceed 10-school days) your child will be able to join for in-person learning.
  5. The school will provide you with confirmation of your child's start date and any other pertinent information related to your child attending in-person learning.

#### **March 2021 Watch for Spring Learning Option Survey**

- The district will be sending out a formal request for families to make a decision as to whether they want a change in their child's status of in-person/virtual.
- Depending on the outcome of this "Learning Option Survey" it will be determined if the schools can still remain in a 5-days a week in-person mode, or have to switch to a cohort model where some children come for some days a week and are virtual for the other days. This again would be done due to the number of students slated for in-person learning and the social distancing requirements that are in place at the time.
- The change for this formal time-frame would begin the first day that schools re-open for in-person learning after Spring Break 2021.

I am aware that this is a lot to take in, but it is important that everyone has a good reference guide for our moving forward. Safety while in school is paramount. If your child is scheduled to come to in-person learning, you should strongly consider all actions outside of school that could contribute to possible spread. We call it "bubbling" and avoiding all unnecessary congregating for the entire household. For schools to remain open, this will be a Township effort and every student and staff member who is on site needs to abide by positive behaviors that mitigate the spread of the virus both in school and out of school. Your help in making this happen will make all the difference.

We are excited to begin this next phase in this crazy year and look forward to seeing our students in person (we will just use imagery to see their smiles).

Be well,



Scott