

Dear Plaza Community Members,

I know many of you are anxious to learn what school will look like when we reopen in August. I wish I could lay it all out for you now, but it is not an easy thing to figure out. I hope to release our full plan within the next few weeks. The primary focus right now is to develop a plan that will offer our students the best educational experience given the current situation, while making every effort possible to create a safe environment for our community. Regardless of what I come up with, it will likely change throughout the school year. Unfortunately, I think this is going to be something we have to deal with for some time.

Currently, our plan is to offer a full school day starting August 13th with our after school program operating until 6:00PM. At the same time, we are preparing for other learning models, including distance learning, and a combination of traditional and distance learning. Tentatively, Back to School Night will be held the evening of the first day of school. No children will be permitted on campus during Back to School Night unless they are in the after school program. Those students must be picked up no later than 6:00PM.

The way we teach, as well as how the campus will operate, will be different. I am almost certain facial coverings will still be a local and state requirement. While not ideal for teaching or learning, it will probably be the only way we can remain open under a traditional model which to me, is necessary for our children's academic, physical, and social-emotional well-being. It will be very difficult for the adults on campus if we have to focus on this issue rather than educating children. Please support us rather than fight us over something we do not have much control over. As we plan, we are looking at how we can make it as tolerable as possible for the kids.

If you have not done so already, please complete the 2020-21 Learning Model Survey. Your choices are not binding and another survey will be sent before August 13th. The link is below and can be found on Plaza Community Club Facebook page or on Plaza School's website at www.plazaschool.org
<https://forms.gle/eiwT8FVNVkB3s3DVA>

Regardless of the uncertainty we face, I look forward to seeing all our students soon. I want to try to get our lives back to some sort of normalcy by seeing kids learn, laugh, and play.

Sincerely,

Mr. Conklin