



TABERNAACLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

132 New Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

Shaun Banin, Superintendent/Principal

July 29, 2021

Dear Tabernacle Families:

We hope that you are well and are enjoying your summer! As July comes to a close, we wanted to provide you an update on the 2021-2022 school year. Based on the current guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education, we are ecstatic that all of our plans to enable our students and staff to return to a traditional school environment are able to move forward! This means that there is no change to our plans to open for five full days of in-person instruction for the upcoming school year.

As long as the decision for masking is left at a district level, masks will be optional for all individuals. Please note that the most recent guidance from the Department of Health does encourage masking for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.

Our classrooms will be structured to enable social distancing to the greatest extent practicable, which in most cases will be approximately 3 ft. However, contact tracing requirements will still be occurring and using 6 ft. for at least 15 minutes to determine the need for close contacts with individuals positive for COVID-19 to quarantine.

Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Education have stated that the remote option for students will not be available this year. Students at Olson Middle School will attend school from 8:00am to 2:30pm, and students at Tabernacle Elementary School will attend school from 8:45am to 3:15pm. Thanks to the United States Department of Agriculture, free lunches will be served daily for ALL students.

As part of our return to normalcy, we look forward to resuming sports, extracurricular activities, field trips, and the use of our buildings for community events. For those fifth through eighth graders planning to participate in fall sports, please remember that all forms and physicals are due by August 31, 2021.

You are invited to our first Tiger Talk session of the year on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:30pm in the OMS DEN. This meeting will enable parents, staff, and administration to discuss the upcoming school year. If you would like to submit topics for discussion or have any questions, please email Mrs. Jenkins at jenkinsb@tabschools.org.

We are in the process of transitioning from OnCourse to Realtime for our student information system. You will receive information later in August with instructions on how to log into the new parent portal system where you will be able to access your child's schedule, bus information, etc.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Shaun Banin

Superintendent/Principal