



## DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear DASD Families,

At last evening's board meeting, the Derry Area School District Board of Directors approved the return of students to in-person instruction starting Monday, November 16, 2020. Families will still be provided the choice of face-to-face, remote, or hybrid instruction. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school, in-person, as we realize the hardship this remote period has posed for some families. We will continue with remote learning next week. There is no school for students on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 10 and 11, 2020. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, and Wednesday, November 11 is the observance of Veterans Day.

On Monday, November 16, instruction will resume with the same models in place prior to the move to full remote. Grandview Elementary families have a choice between five days in-person, hybrid, or full remote. Middle School and High School students will return in hybrid or full remote. The Middle School and High School will not be open for five day in-person instruction at this time. Wednesdays will still be remote learning days at the Middle School and High School until further notice. We are hopeful that both the middle school and high school will return to five days of instruction soon.

We will continue to strictly enforce social distancing and observe the face covering order. Please review the DASD Symptom Screening Tool each morning. Practice good hygiene by washing your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently. If you or a member of your household has been tested for COVID-19, all DASD students residing in your home are not permitted to return to school until a negative test result is received or the appropriate quarantine period is completed as per PA DOH guidelines. You should also contact your child's school nurse who will provide appropriate guidance.

As a reminder, the USDA has released a waiver extending FREE MEALS to all students in grades PK-12 or children ages 1-18 until December 31, 2020. Derry Area School District will continue to provide a drive-thru lunch pick-up for those not physically in school. This includes all families in the school district, not just school-aged children or those students in remote instruction. Lunch will be available next week at the rear Middle School cafeteria entrance. Starting Monday, November 16, you may pick-up breakfast and/or lunch at the Middle School front entrance between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon) Monday through Friday. All we ask is that you visit the website: [lunch.dasd.us](http://lunch.dasd.us) each morning and submit the number of lunches you will be picking up so we can prepare the number of meals needed.

Finally, please be assured that we will monitor local and county-wide data to assess if there is a need to change our instructional model. We fully understand the frustration families have experienced this school year but know the health, safety and welfare of all students and staff is our top priority. I appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate this crisis together.

Regards,

Eric P. Curry