



Union County Educational Services Commission

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Union County Educational Services Commission is finalizing our return to school plans. As you know we have developed models to support in-person instruction, virtual learning and a hybrid program comprised of both in-person and virtual learning. Each school has assessed the unique needs of their students and created programs to maximize learning, while maintaining a safe educational environment.

Based on our recent survey, I know that not all parents are planning to send their children to school in September. For those students who will attend school, our proposed hybrid model requires a decrease in the number of students in each class to meet CDC social distancing requirements. Students will be on a rotating weekly schedule enabling approximately half the students to receive in-person instruction while the other students learn remotely from home.

Staff are required to wear facial coverings throughout the day. Students will also be required to wear face coverings to the greatest extent possible. Accommodations will be provided for students who are unable to wear face coverings. Additional Personal Protective Equipment will also be provided to the staff members working with students who are unable to wear a mask or social distance.

We recognize that many parents are anxious and may feel uncertain about sending their children to school in September. On July 24th, Governor Murphy announced that parents can choose to have their children learn remotely fulltime from home. If you choose this option, the Commission will require your child to remain in fulltime remote learning for 30-days. Your child may transfer to a different instructional model after 30-days of remote learning. The month-long commitment will enable us to maintain continuity of services and effective educational models to all our students.

To request this model, please complete and return the [Request for Fulltime Remote Learning](#) by Monday, August 3rd. You can access the request on our district homepage at www.ucesc.org or via the following link: <https://forms.gle/ps989ALvCGVqnk9u5>

With the continued uncertainty about the coronavirus we understand how challenging it must be for parents to select their child's educational program in September. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Principal to discuss concerns or any questions you have about our re-opening plans.

We thank you for your support and look forward to our continued partnership during the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Terry Foppert

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