



October 1, 2020

Dear Valued Members of the Middletown School Community,

Monday, October 5, marks the start of **Phase 1** of Middletown City School District's phase-in, re-entry plan. During this phase, the following students will return to our school campuses for **in-person learning** on an **every other day rotation**:

Students in Grade	Program
K	All students including SWD, ELL/MLL and 504
K-5	6:1+1 and 12:1+3
6-8	8:1+1 and 12:1+3
9-12	12:1+3

When students are not physically present in the classroom for in-person learning they will utilize their district provided Chromebook to participate in face-to-face instruction through Google Classroom/Google Meet/Zoom. Students in Phase 1 are expected to bring their district provided device back and forth from home to school. Cohort assignments and Instructional schedules for students will be provided by home school buildings. If you have any questions regarding your cohort assignment or the schedule please call your home school. We have spent months preparing for a safe return to in-person learning, and with as much certainty as possible, we are optimistic everything will go smoothly as long as all of the important health and safety guidelines are adhered to.

All students returning to school for in-person learning are required to wear face masks at all times, while on a school bus and in school, except during designated mask breaks and while eating. Additionally, all students and staff need to maintain social distancing and should wash their hands regularly. Adhering to these important health and safety guidelines will be what helps our district remain open.

There is no doubt this pandemic has affected people's emotions, financial situations, and overall livelihoods. Now, more than ever, it is essential we come together as a school community dedicated to supporting each other. We remain committed to continuing our efforts to build resilience and address inequity as we recover, redesign and restart our education systems. We are immensely grateful for our school community. You have demonstrated tremendous dedication in the face of great challenges. Thank you for your partnership.

Yours in education,

Richard Del Moro, Superintendent of Schools