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September will be here before we know it and we are excited to welcome our students and support them as they begin, continue, or near the end of their educational journeys with us. Throughout the summer, we have continued to stay up-to-date on the federal, state, and county guidelines, and we remain engaged with multiple stakeholders, including our school physician and local health officials, as COVID-19 and Delta variant activity is monitored.

As we prepare for your student's arrival, I want to assure our school community that as of now our plans for opening school on September 9th remain unchanged. Specifically, we plan to return to [full-day schedules](#) at all Tenafly Public Schools - including lunch, SACC, and extracurricular activities - with the required and necessary health and safety guidelines in place.

As you may have seen or heard, the most recent change to COVID-related guidelines came last week with the requirement for all New Jersey students in grades K-12 to wear masks while in school. Specifics of this and other guidelines will be shared as we get closer to the first day of school for staff and students. Please note that at this time details relative to quarantine rules, lunch setup, symptom tracker specifics, and other COVID-related guidelines, are still under review and may change as we receive updates from the NJDOE and NJDOH. Rest assured that we are following the updates daily and will continue to communicate changes with you as they arise.

At the August 16th Board of Education Work Session, we will review the guidance and mandates in place and determine what is needed to ensure that our students return to school safely. A final reopening presentation for the district will be shared at the August 23rd Tenafly Board of Education Meeting at 8pm, followed by a community communication on the significant points from that presentation.

Please know that we remain committed to making the best final decisions for re-entry of our students into a once again "normal" school year. Until then, and on behalf of the Tenafly Public Schools, enjoy the remaining weeks of summer 2021.

Sincerely,

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