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Greetings Canterbury Community, Families, and Staff

On behalf of the CPS Administrative Team, I would like to express our gratitude to all the families who responded to our most recent survey. Your prompt response was instrumental in providing the district with the necessary information to comply with regulations and reporting set forth by the State Department of Education (SDE). The district has been working on its CPS Reopening Plan, which was submitted to the SDE on July 24.

Many staff and parents have participated in building-level committees and the district held its first district-level committee meeting last evening. The CPS Reopening Plan is a working draft and expected to be revised. We also anticipate that the SDE and the Governor's office will continue to adjust its guidance on reopening schools as conditions evolve relating to the COVID pandemic.

We have posted the CPS Reopening Plan on our website, <http://www.canterburypublicschools.org>. Please take some time to review the expectations in the plan. We are seeking feedback from the community. Your comments and suggestions can be emailed to feedback@canterburypublicschools.org. Our administrative team will review your input and create a Frequently Asked Questions document, which will serve as an addendum to our plan.

The district was required to create a Reopening Plan that allowed all students an opportunity to return to school. We were also required to create a plan that allows 50% of the students to be in school at a time. This model is called our hybrid model. Finally, we were required to create a plan for a full remote learning experience.

Additionally, we want to inform our parents that the first day of school has been changed to August 31. This will allow time for the staff to plan for the new school year. Historically, principals have shared class lists and sent letters home during the first week of August. Please note with the frequent changes in state guidance we are receiving, each principal's annual letter to families will not be available until late August.

Please expect to see another survey for families regarding your intention to return to school and use transportation. This information will be vital in ensuring we have balanced classes and proper staffing levels to accommodate family requests to return to school or to continue with the Remote Learning option.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Take care,

Canterbury Public Schools

