

GARFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Good Afternoon Parents,

WELCOME TO THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Garfield District is scheduled to open for students on September 8, 2020 through November 6, 2020 with Full Remote Learning for all students. We have been working hard to prepare for a positive start to the school year despite the many challenges and uncertainties that we have encountered along the way.

We look forward to providing a high quality of remote learning with the delivery of live lessons throughout the scheduled day. This will afford our students the opportunity to interact with the teacher as well as with classmates. The chance to talk with the teacher and see friends offers our students a better school experience and the opportunity to receive personal academic and social and emotional support. Students will be required to log in attendance daily as well as for all classes. Assignments will be submitted remotely, and student work will be graded. *Handbooks for Pre-K, Elementary Schools, Middle School, and High School will be posted on the district and school websites with information regarding attendance procedures, school schedules, Teams protocols, proper etiquette for remote learning and other relevant information.*

Letters with more information regarding the opening of schools have been mailed out or sent electronically to parents of students in all grades. If you have not received the letter as yet, please be patient since our opening plans were delayed as we waited for approval from the Department of Education for Full Remote Learning. In the event that you do not know how to access the electronic mail, you should reach out to the building principal for assistance by calling the school or sending an email.

It is essential for all students to have a computer device as well as internet connectivity to ensure the success of remote learning. The District ordered new computers for all students in grades K-3. Computers are being distributed this week at the school buildings. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call or email the principal of your child's school for more information. Our students in grades 4-12 received computers in the last school year. If your child does not have a computer device from the district, it is important that you reach out to the school principal as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide one. Any family that does not have internet connectivity should immediately make the building principal aware so that the situation can be addressed.

PLEASE JOIN ME AND MY ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE FULL REMOTE LEARNING SCHEDULE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 6:00 P.M. YOU CAN JOIN THE MEETING BY GOING TO THE DISTRICT WEBSITE, WWW.GBOE.ORG AND CLICKING THE LINK, "GARFIELD DISTRICT PUBLIC REOPENING MEETING".

I look forward to your participation at this meeting and the opportunity for our administrative team to address your questions and concerns.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we begin a new and unique school year. Please remain safe and healthy and remember to reach out to us with any questions or concerns that you may have now and at any point throughout the school year. I look forward to a very happy and successful year for our students and families.

Regards,

Anna Sciacca

Superintendent of Garfield Public Schools