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Prospect Heights School District 23

July 10, 2020

Back to School Blueprint Models

[Spanish Translation](#)

Dear Parents and Staff,

As we prepare for our return to school in August, we recognize the additional anxiety and stresses that we're all experiencing and we appreciate your patience as we work to develop our plan.

We call our plan a Blueprint, because we know that it is our best current plan to accomplish our goals. We also know, however, that those plans will likely need to be adjusted or modified as we move through this process.

For that reason, we have developed two models and will allow families the CHOICE to enroll in the plan that best meets their needs. Each family and each child is unique and our committee felt it was most appropriate to respect those differences and provide two pathways to rigorous and engaging learning this year.

We know that there is a lot of information to digest, but it is important for our families to stay informed and actively participate in this process. Please read this newsletter and other communications carefully and respond to the surveys and forms by the due dates requested.

At this stage, our blueprint defines WHAT our Back to School models will look like based on guidance from the State of Illinois, Illinois State Board of Education, and Illinois Department of Public Health. We are working CLOSELY with our neighboring Districts and District 214 to develop a consistent response.

Over the next few weeks our committee will work to add the details of HOW we will implement our models. Your input and responses matter greatly and we appreciate your continued partnership. We fully understand that no plan or model will be perfect and that is not our goal. Instead, we pledge to work collaboratively and diligently to provide the BEST WE CAN and remain flexible and responsive to changing conditions.

The video link below provides an overview of the optional models and highlights key components of the plan.

The full presentation can be accessed via the links below the video.

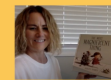
Upcoming Events

District 23 Reads



Community members and faculty from across D23 have created recordings of stories.

We hope you will enjoy listening to them this summer!



• **Click HERE**

[CLICK HERE to access our D23 Reads Link](#)

Fee payments are due by July 31st to qualify for the 20% discount



Board of Education Meeting

**August 12, 2020
7:00 pm
At MacArthur or Attend Virtually**

Quick Links



Visit the D23 website



It is critically important for families to complete the **Back to School Model Selection Form** below by July 22.

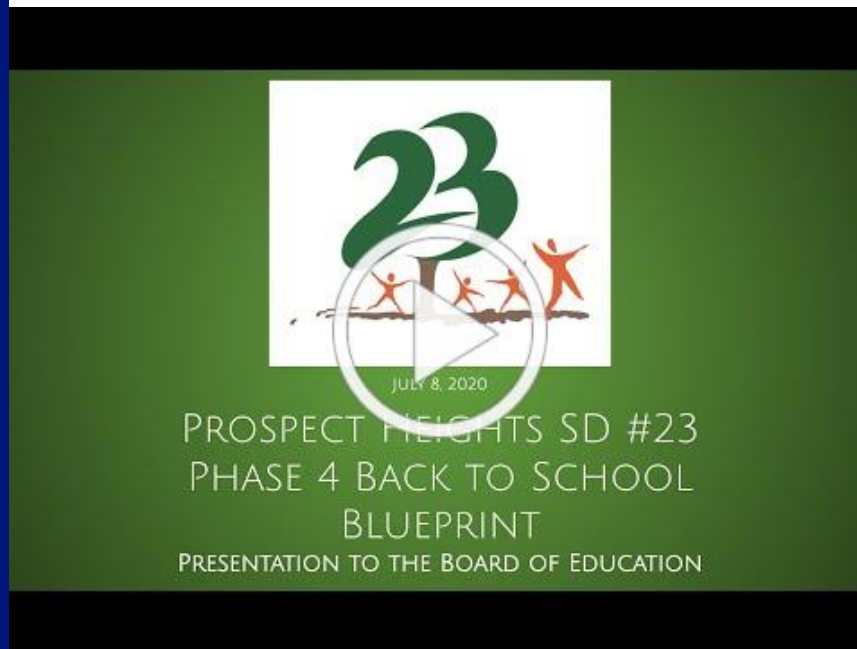
We also invite families to join us for a "Virtual Town Hall" meeting on Wednesday, July 15 @ 7:00pm. You are welcome to submit questions and RSVP via the link provided.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we prepare for our new normal this August.

Best Wishes,
Dr. Angelaccio



PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO



[Phase 4 Blueprint - Complete Doc](#)

[Phase 4 Blueprint - Spanish](#)

Please complete the District 23 Back to School Model Selection Form linked below by July 22.

[District 23 Back to School Model Selection](#)

[Selección del modelo de regreso a la escuela del Distrito 23](#)

District 23 Back to School 2020



What are parents' options?



Full, In-person

- Daily, full day attendance at school
- In-person instruction
- Standard grading
- Social Emotional Learning support
- Face masks required
- Daily symptom screening
- Social distancing as possible
- Bus Transportation
- Extended Day Program

Distance Learning 2.0

- Daily, full day attendance from home
- Livestreamed and recorded instruction
- Additional remote support
- Standard Grading
- Social Emotional Learning support
- No Extended Day Program
- Commitment until September, 25

**Parents must complete D23 Back to School Selection Form
by July 22**

**Please Share your Questions or RSVP for our Virtual Town
Hall Meeting on Wednesday, July 15th @ 7:00pm**

Click this button



Communication Plan

Communication with families and staff will be critical to a successful start. To that end, the District administration has developed a communication plan to ensure that we begin the year with no

surprises. Our communication plan includes a [**Back to School Blueprint Website**](#) that includes updated plans and information, resources for parents and a Frequently Asked Questions Document.



Adjusting to Our New "Normal"

On June 23, 2020, the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE"), in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") issued guidance on the return to in-person learning for the 2020-21 school year. As part of that guidance, ISBE and IDPH require that all individuals over the age of two wear a face covering at all times while in a school building unless they have trouble breathing, are unconscious, are incapacitated, or are otherwise unable to remove the covering without assistance. It is important to note that, even when proper social distancing is maintained, face coverings must be worn while in the building.

This link provides great information for parents on helping children get used to masks. <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/coronavirus-masks.html>

"Just the Facts" from the Business Office

There are SO many things going on in the Business Office during the summer so here is a brief update on several of them.

Detailed Fee Statements were sent out on Monday, showing the breakdown of all assessed fees. Fees are due before July 31, 2020. Any unpaid registration balances will be subject to a 20% increase after the 31st.

Making a Payment? Please note: in an effort to limit the number of visitors in our buildings during the summer, we are requesting all payments be made either online via the PowerSchool Parent Portal or by dropping off the exact amount in cash or check to the registration box located in the Administration Building vestibule. The Business Office is not able to make change for cash payments. Should you wish to establish a payment plan arrangement or wish to apply for a Fee Waiver or discuss your balance, please contact the Business Office.

Fee Payment Nights - The Business Office will host two Fee Payment Nights. Please plan to stop in and make your payments or discuss a Fee Waiver or Payment Arrangement.

Wednesday, July 22th from 5:30 - 7 PM at the Administration Building
Thursday, July 30th from 5:30 - 7 PM at the Administration Building.

Extended Day Program - Confirmation letters will be sent to registered families next week regarding the program status for the fall and registration/fee process.

Transportation Changes - We know that the past practice of routing buses based on location of students has been problematic for families with children at different buildings, as this often leads to multiple stop locations. This year, we will be implementing the use of “Common Stops”, meaning that stop locations will be the same for all schools. We are excited to make this transition and are working to share your stop location information with you within the next week. Once we review the parent survey responses, we will be able to share your student’s actual pick up time. More detailed information regarding the plan for student transportation in the fall can be found in the Back to School Blueprint.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Office directly at 847-870-3850 should you have any specific questions.

[Link to: Board of Education Agendas and Meeting Highlights July 10, 2020](#)

Board Reviews Back to School Blueprint

Dr. Angelaccio and the administrative team presented the Back to School Blueprint to the Board of Education. The presentation and video are included in the School Scene Friday, July 10. Parents are encouraged to visit the [Back to School Blueprint Website](#) for updated information, presentations, forms, and other resources.

Calendar Modification

The board approved the addition of a Planning Day on **Friday, September 18 - Students will not be in attendance.**

The updated calendar can be found [here](#) and also includes the modification of the Nov. 3 Institute Day to the newly required Election Day Holiday. There will be no school on November 2 & 3.



Buildings and Grounds Update



Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Brian Rominski, presented an overview of the construction, paving, and life safety work being completed this summer.

He also shared an update on the plans for cleaning and disinfecting processes in place when we return to school in the fall.

Building Briefs

Elementary Yearbook Pick up



PTO Elementary Yearbook Pick-Up is scheduled on Friday, July 17 from 3-6pm at Ross. Please drive by and pick up your child's yearbook if you have not yet done so.



Meal Distributions Continue Weekly

Meal Distributions will continue on Wednesdays through July.

Weekly distributions take place at MacArthur between 12-2 PM and at the VIP and Winetree apartment complexes between 1-2 PM. These distributions are open to all children under the age of 18. Just this week, our meal distribution total topped 200,000 since March!

We are grateful to the many staff volunteers that have joined in to assist in continuing to provide this essential resource to our families and our community on a weekly basis!



Back to School Shopping List

Our teachers will be working together in the coming weeks to discuss any additional items that may be needed in addition to the published school supply list. We will be working on keeping this list to a minimum. The additions to the supply list will help to prevent the sharing of items in the classroom such as scissors, glue sticks and etc. Once again, our teachers will be working on this list and we will get this out to you as soon as possible.



Prospect Heights Park District Programs

Our community partners at the Prospect Heights Park District have asked us to remind our families that they have developed virtual and in person programs for this Summer.

Please click here to view the PHPD Catalog of programs.



Prospect Heights Public Library Programs

REMINDER: PHPL's Summer Reading Club starts Monday, July 6!

Prospect Heights Public Library
Summer Reading Club 2020
July 6 – August 15

DIG DEEPER

Read, Investigate, Discover!

Read and complete online activities to earn points for prizes, a free book and t-shirt. Play one of our weekly trivia games for a chance at even more great prizes. Join us for [virtual programs](#), online games and tons more!

Register online at
www.phpl.info
for a fun-filled summer!



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La Biblioteca Pública de Prospect Heights
El Club de Lectura de Verano 2020
julio 6 – agosto 15

INVESTIGAR A FONDO

¡Leer, Investigar, Descubrir!

Leer y completar actividades en línea para ganar puntos que se usa para obtener premios, un libro gratis, y una camiseta. Jugar semanalmente uno de nuestro juegos de trivia para la oportunidad de ganar aún más premios fabulosos. ¡Habrà [programas virtuales](#), juegos en línea, y mucho más!

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para un verano lleno
con diversión!



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WHEELING TOWNSHIP NIGHT IN

TUE AUG 4TH

Wheeling Township Night In
is a time for our families,
community groups, and public safety
workers to come together and help strengthen
our neighborhood spirit across Wheeling Township.

During these times, you have all contributed to making our community a safer place. Here are some ways you can celebrate this day with your loved ones:

- Have a family discussion about how to stay safe out in the public, online and in the home. [Click here](#) for crime prevention tips.
- Support a local restaurant!
- Visit the following sites for activities you can enjoy with your family, at home or out in the community:
[Indian Trails Library](#) [Link Together Coalition](#)
- Enter to win a prize by posting a picture of your family celebrating using the hashtag #WheelingTownshipNightIN on August 4th.
[Click here](#) for the entry rules.

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