



Prospect Heights School District 23

August 14, 2020

Remote Start Information - Update

Dear Parents and Staff,

The first days of school are always an important time in the lives of our families. They mark the start of a new adventure and the next step along the journey of learning and growth.

While there are certainly MANY things that make this start of our school year very different, there are still many things that are the same. Most importantly, the perspective and emotion that parents share with their child. No matter the experience, kids watch and reflect what they see among the adults around them. If you are nervous, they will be nervous. If you are excited, they will be excited. If you are positive about the start of the new year, they will be positive about the new year.

After many months of planning and preparing, our Back to School Blueprint was presented to our Board of Education on Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The full and complete document [can be found here](#).

Below you can view the recording of the live presentation made at the meeting. You can also view the overview slide [at this link](#).

We know that there is a lot of information coming out from the District and the schools as we start the year.

On Wednesday, 8/12 - Elementary homeroom teachers and Bus route assignments were emailed home. The MacArthur student schedules were also made viewable in PowerSchool.

This week, our teachers also participated in two professional development days, with two more scheduled for next week Monday and Tuesday. Many have already sent home videos, cards, or notes to introduce themselves to parents and students.

On Monday, August 17, parents and students can drive through pick up the materials and devices they will need this year and meet their teacher(s).

On Wednesday, August 19, our students in Grades 1-8 will start their school year. Early Childhood programs begin on August 24 and Kindergarten on August 27.

We are also working on our invitations to targeted at-risk and students with special needs who will participate in person

Upcoming Events

August 17
Materials
Pick-up
Grades 1-8
Times vary



August 18
All grades
5:00-7:00pm

August 24
Kinder and EC
9:00-11:00am

August 19
First Day
of School
Grades 1-8



August 24
First Day of School
Early Childhood

August 27
First Day of School
Kindergarten

Remote Start for all



Parent Support
Nights
Topics Vary
August 25, 27
September 1, 3, 10

instruction in early September. Lastly, we will continue to refine our plans and options for return to in person instruction for all those families who have indicated that preference.

Be sure to read the newsletters sent home today from each of the principals with details and specific information for each school.

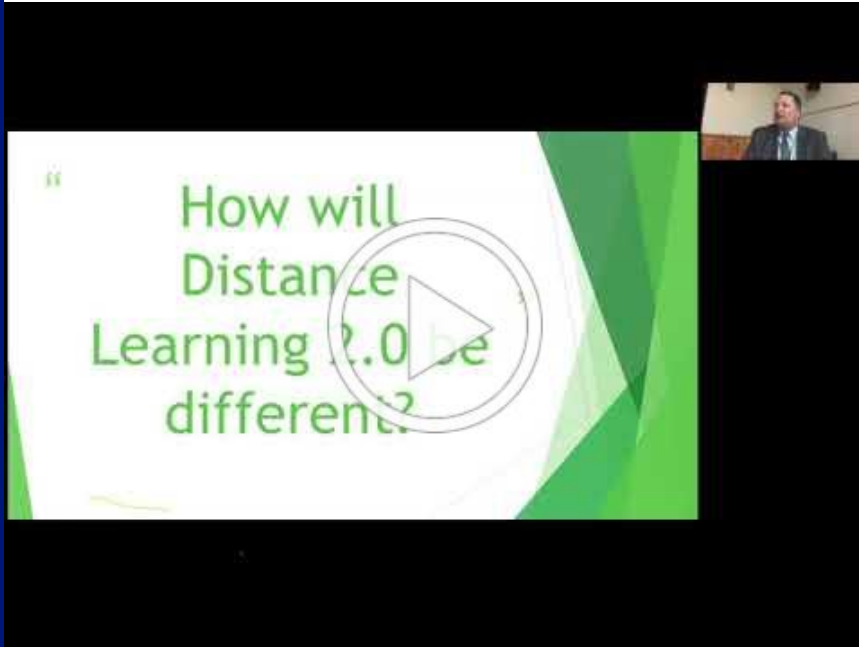
Best Wishes for a fantastic school year!
Dr. Angelaccio



NO SCHOOL

September 7
Labor Day

September 18
eLearning Planning
Day



Board of
Education
Meeting

September 16, 2020
7:00 pm
At Betsy Ross or
Attend Virtually

PARENT RESOURCES:

[Back to School Blueprint Website](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions Document](#)

[Social Emotional Learning Resources](#)

[Parent and Student Technology Guides](#)

[PowerSchool Login Page](#)

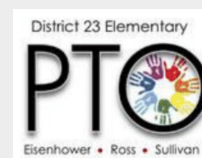
[MealTime Login Page](#)

[RevTrak Login Page \(Fee Payment\)](#)

Quick Links



Visit the D23
website



"Just the Facts" from the Business Office

Meal Distributions will begin again on



Wednesday, August 19th and will be held outside of the MacArthur Cafeteria between 11-1:00 PM. They will be coordinated by our new food service provider, Organic Life. While these drive-up distributions are open to all students, parents will be required to provide their student's name, lunch PIN and school location for MealTime verification. Bags will consist of five breakfasts and five lunches. MealTime accounts will be charged the per meal rate based on the student's current eligibility. Students who currently qualify for free/reduced lunch under the National School Lunch Program will receive their bags in accordance with their eligibility (free/reduced/full-pay).

Missed our Fee Payment Nights? No worries! The Business Office is happy to work with you to establish a payment arrangement or assist you in applying for a fee waiver. To discuss your balance or help with either of these options, please contact the Business Office directly at 847-870-3850. Please note: in an effort to limit the number of visitors, 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. We are not able to make change for cash payments.

Transportation Updates and student bus stop information was sent out to all 1st - 8th grade students that qualify for bus transportation, on Wednesday. Upon our return to in-person learning, we will be implementing the use of "Community Stops", meaning that most stop locations will be the same for all schools. We are excited to make this transition and will be sharing additional information, including your student's route number and approximate pick-up time, as our plan for a return to in-person learning is determined.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Office should you have any specific questions.

[Link to: Board of Education Agendas and Meeting Highlights](#)
[August 12, 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, August 14. Parents are encouraged to visit the [Back to School Blueprint Website](#) for updated information, presentations, forms, and other resources.

Tentative Budget Approved

Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the tentative budget for review. After discussion with the Finance Committee, the tentative budget was prepared using conservative assumptions to provide sustainability during these uncertain economic times. The budget will be on display at the District Office and a public notice will be posted for our Budget Hearing at the September 16 Board of Education Meeting.



Buildings and Grounds Update



The Buildings and Grounds committee certified building readiness and completion of summer construction projects.

All summer construction was completed ON TIME and UNDER BUDGET. Many thanks to Director of Buildings and Grounds, Brian Rominski, and his crew for all of their hard work this Spring and Summer.



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