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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As I have indicated over the last several weeks, the planning for the 2020-2021 academic year is a work in progress which reflects the changes in guidance by the Department of Education. In the initial guidance received on June 26th, a 100% virtual option for parents was not included. On Monday, July 20th, the Governor has stated that a 100% virtual option for parents will be included and guidance will be forthcoming.

To facilitate the development of class lists and teacher assignments, I have established the following criteria for moving forward:

All parents who choose 100% Virtual/Distance option for their child(ren) must decide by August 2, 2020. If a parent chooses this option, their child will not be able to switch back to the districts A/B Hybrid model until the end of the first trimester or the first marking period (MEMS). Please note, this restriction does not apply to the medical virtual home instruction application previously shared with the community. When the doctor determines a child can return to school that can occur immediately.

Students that participate in the 100% Virtual/Distance option are required to be present in a virtual class setting for specific hours consistent with an abbreviated school day.

If you want to sign up for the 100% Virtual Distance option, please visit the Genesis Parent Portal <https://parents.mernsj.us/genesis>.

Bus assignments and the development of bus routes require accurate data. Due to COVID-19, and the required social distancing, it is expected that students will be required to wear masks on buses. Please answer our transportation survey by visiting the Genesis Parent Portal <https://parents.mernsj.us/genesis>. If the district returns to a full day schedule, this waiver would be considered null and void.

I want to thank you for considering these two requests. It is important for the district to receive this data in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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