



## MULLICA TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

### OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL



*Home of the Coyotes*

Mrs. Maris Lynn, Principal

*#WeAreMullica*

March 3, 2020

Dear Mullica Township Middle School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. The Mullica Township School District is dedicated to providing the best possible education to all of our learners. To this end, our return to learning plan has continued to evolve. Please click [here](#) to view a visual of the Next Steps in our Return to Learning Plan. Parents and guardians have the option to change their child's placement for trimester three by completing the [Mullica Township Middle School Trimester 3 Placement Request Form](#). **This form must be completed on or before March 10th.** Please read the following carefully, it is imperative that families make the right choices for their children and fully understand what each option will mean for their student.

#### **Planned Trimester Three Timeline**

- **March 22nd- April 16th-** Students attend in person according to their assigned [cohort schedule](#).
  - Current All-Virtual students moving to In-Person learning may begin learning from the school building on the dates below
    - Cohort A- March 22nd
    - Cohort B- March 25th
- **April 19th-** Target date to invite **all In-Person** learners to attend school **five days** a week. This date may be adjusted in response to Atlantic County health and safety guidelines.(No more A and B cohorts.)
- **Daily School Schedule-** All students will continue to participate in the same daily school schedule. Student schedules may be viewed by accessing the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).
  - Core content classes meet between 8:30 and 12:34 Monday through Friday.
  - Special Area classes will continue to meet virtually between 1:45 and 3:20 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- **Special Area Classes-**All students are required to attend special area classes according to their schedule. Students have Health/ Physical Education twice a week in addition to Art, Music, Spanish and Financial Literacy.

### **Trimester Three Learning Models**

- **All-Virtual Learning-** The All-Virtual learning model will remain an option for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
- **Synchronous Learning-** All in-person classes will continue to be conducted synchronously. Students who are learning from home will be included in the instruction occurring in the classroom. This is accomplished by using Google Meet to live stream the classroom to students who are at home. This means that ALL students in the same class receive the same instruction every day. Students are **required** to attend every class all day whether present at school or learning virtually from home.
- **Flexible Attendance-** Students enrolled in In-Person and Flexible Placement have the option to learn from home or attend school on their scheduled days. This plan will allow parents to inform the office that their child will participate in virtual learning for the day, week, or longer. Synchronous classrooms allow for flexibility in attendance. Students must attend school daily, however they may attend from home and receive the same educational opportunities as their in-person peers.

### **Trimester 3 Learning Options**

Parents must choose one of the following choices for the third trimester, Please pay close attention to the details. In accordance with Mullica Township Board of Education Policy(1648.02 REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES), changes to student placement may not be made prior to the end of the trimester. For the sake of clarity the options have been explained based on the student's current placement.

### **Students Currently Enrolled in the “All-Virtual” Learning Model**

- **Option 1-Choose “All-Virtual”.** Your child will remain in their current placement. All teachers will remain the same, some schedule changes may occur for students with IEPs and for students in Big History Project, Pre-Algebra and Algebra. The potential changes will be made to increase opportunities for “All-Virtual” students to participate in live instruction. Students may **NOT** move out of this model for the remainder of the school year.
- **Option 2- Choose “In-Person”.** Your child may have a schedule change and may have a different teacher for English Language Arts and/or Social Studies. Students moving from “All-Virtual” to “In-Person” instruction will be eligible to begin attending school during the week of March 22nd. Students will be placed in the Cohort with the most availability. Requests for Cohort A or Cohort B may not be honored. Decisions for placement will be made to meet the individual educational needs of your child and to ensure the safety of all students. If parents

choose for their child to return to All-Virtual instruction during the trimester, the student will learn virtually from home by joining their in-person classmates via Google Meet.

- **Option 3- Choose “Flexible Placement”.** Your child may have a schedule change and may have a different teacher for English Language Arts and/or Social Studies. Students moving from “All-Virtual” to “Flexible Placement” may transition from all virtual to in-person instruction throughout the trimester. Parents will be required to give a minimum of **one week notice** prior to sending their child to school. Students will be placed in the Cohort with the most availability-requests for Cohort A or Cohort B may not be honored. Decisions for placement will be made to meet the individual educational needs of your child and to ensure the safety of all students. (If there is a possibility that you may wish to send your child to school during Trimester 3, select this option. You do not have to send your child, however the option will be available.)

### **Students Currently Enrolled in the “In-Person” Learning Model**

- **Option 1- Choose “All-Virtual”.** Your child may have a schedule change and may have a different teacher for English Language Arts and/or Social Studies. Decisions for placement will be made to meet the individual educational needs of your child and to ensure the safety of all students. Students may transition from “All-Virtual” to “In-person” instruction during the trimester. Parents will be required to give a minimum of one week notice prior to sending their child to school.
- **Option 2- Choose “In-Person”.** Your child will remain in their current placement. All teachers will remain the same, some schedule changes may occur for students with IEPs and for students in Big History Project, Pre-Algebra and Algebra. If parents choose for their child to transition to “All-Virtual” instruction during the trimester, the student will learn virtually from home by joining their in-person classmates via Google Meet.
- **Option 3- Choose “Flexible Placement”.** Your child may have a schedule change and may have a different teacher for English Language Arts and/or Social Studies. Students moving from “In-Person” to “Flexible Placement” may transition from in-person to all virtual instruction throughout the trimester. When transitioning from All-Virtual to In-person instruction, parents will be required to give a minimum of one week notice prior to sending their child to school. (If you would like your child to begin Trimester 3 learning virtually, but there is a possibility that you may wish to send your child to school later in the trimester, select this option. You do not have to send your child, however the option will be available.)

### **Important Guidelines for Trimester Three**

- **Attendance:** School attendance is directly linked to student achievement. Students are required to attend school every day and attend every class during the day. **Truancy is defined as 10 or more cumulative unexcused absences** (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3). The Mullica Township School District is required to pursue court action when student absences become excessive. While we understand that the current learning environment is challenging, New Jersey attendance requirements have not been changed for the 2020-21 school year. Further, students must be present for the entire school day, whether in-person at school or, remotely at home. Signing in for homeroom and then signing out again is “cutting” class. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that their child is attending school. If there are barriers to attendance, please reach out to the school office for assistance.

To make your selection for the next trimester, please complete the Google Form linked below on or before March 10th. Updated schedules and placements will be available to parents/ guardians on or before March 19th. If you do not complete the form below, your child will remain in their current placement for the entirety of trimester 3.

Click Below

### **[Mullica Township Middle School Trimester 3 Placement Request Form](#)**

The Health and safety of our school community is everyone’s responsibility, help us keep our students and staff safe. Please remember that if you travel to an area on the [New Jersey Travel Advisory List](#), your child must quarantine for 14 days, or the duration specified by the New Jersey Department of Health prior to returning to in-person instruction. Please direct any questions to the Middle School Office by emailing [lrabush@mullicschools.com](mailto:lrabush@mullicschools.com) or by calling the school at (609)561-3868 ext. 143.

Respectfully,

*Maris C. Lynn*

Middle School Principal

## Cohort Calendar

### March 22nd - April 16th

<i>March - 2021</i>				
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1-Apr	2-Apr

<i>April - 2021</i>				
Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19*	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

	Cohort A
	Cohort B
	Spring Break

In-person students attend 5 days of in-person learning  
\*Health and safety data permitting