MESSAGE TO PARENTS, STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE HARRISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As you are aware, the District is in the process of addressing The Road Back, Restart and Recovery Plan for Education, issued by the New Jersey Department of Education. As indicated in the PowerPoint sent to parents, our school district is finalizing the reopening of the Harrison Public Schools with the following options:

- **Kennedy Elementary:**
  Students attending Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be attending the new Kennedy Elementary School on Washington Street and Harrison Avenue.

- **Kennedy Elementary, Lincoln Elementary and Hamilton Intermediate Schools (Grades Preschool through Grade 5):**
  Students in Preschool through Grade 5 will be attending school in-person. The plan includes in-person, 5 days per week instruction, utilizing single session days with dismissal at 1:15 p.m. Staggered start times are to be determined.

  All schools will be utilizing a combination of social distancing, sanitization protocols and face masks.

  If a parent of a Preschool through 5th Grade student chooses not to enroll their child in the above program, they may choose the virtual learning option. The virtual learning option is instruction at home, 5 days per week, single-session days, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., via teacher prepared packets, laptops, smartphones and other internet-ready devices.

  A school program option form will be available starting the week of August 10th.

- **Washington Middle School and Harrison High School**

  (Grades 6 through 12):

  Students in grades 6 through 12 will attend a blended in-person/virtual instruction model of A and B Groups:

  **A Group** – Will attend school in-person, single-session days, every Monday, Thursday and every other Wednesday.

  On Tuesday, Friday and every other Wednesday, Group A will attend a single-session, virtual learning instruction at home, via teacher prepared packets, laptops, smartphones and other internet-ready devices.
**B Group** – Will attend school in-person, single-session days, every **Tuesday, Friday** and every other **Wednesday**.

On **Monday, Thursday** and every other **Wednesday**, Group B will attend a single-session, virtual learning instruction at home, via teacher prepared packets, laptops, smartphones and other internet-ready devices.

All schools will be utilizing a combination of social distancing, sanitization protocols and face masks.

If a parent of a 6th through 12th Grade student chooses not to enroll their child in the above program, they may choose the virtual learning option. The virtual learning option is instruction at home, 5 days per week, single-session days, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., via teacher prepared packets, laptops, smartphones and other internet-ready devices.

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