



# Little Falls Township Public Schools

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I hope this communication finds you in good health and you are making the most of this socially-distanced summer. While these circumstances are certainly unique, there are still plenty of ways to make memories with family and friends. Please make sure you review our 2020-2021 Restart and Recovery Plan [Little Falls Restart and Recovery Plan \(pdf\)](#). It is important to note that this plan is fluid and changes are made as new guidance becomes available.

I want to thank the administration, faculty/staff, maintenance and custodial staff, members of the Restart and Recovery Task Force, and Little Falls Board of Education for their unwavering support and hard work during these ever changing and uncertain times. Parents and guardians, thank you for **being patient** and **being cooperative**. We know that there have been many surveys and emails sent. This was in no way meant to overwhelm you, but keep you informed and an integral part of the process. Your input and feedback are key elements to a successful reentry.

This year, our theme is “Be...”. I will continue to **be accessible** for any questions or concerns you may have. I will **be diligent** in making sure that our plan meets the requirements set forth by the NJDOE and provides a safe and healthy transition to school. I will **be certain** that this plan represents and fulfills our commitment to a well-rounded and rigorous education. Most importantly, I will **be mindful and empathetic** of each student’s, family’s, and staff member’s needs and levels of comfort during this transition.

Yesterday, the Governor announced that School Districts have the option to select an all virtual learning model if they qualify based on the *NJDOE checklist for the Re-Opening of School 2020-2021*. We are confident that we do not meet the qualifications for selecting an all virtual model and as such will begin our school year in a hybrid model (families selecting either virtual or in-person instruction). We must be mindful that statistics and recommendations regarding COVID-19 could change at any time and as a result pivot us to a full virtual model. Rest assured that we are fully prepared to open successfully using either model. As of now, our schools will remain on our original calendar found here [2020-2021 Calendar](#). Two important changes are as follows:

#### Single Session Day Schedules:

- Preschool Half Day – same as regular day 9:00am-11:30am
- School #2 – same start time with a student pick up window from 12:45-1:00
- School #3 – same start time with a student pick up window from 1:00-1:15
- School #1 – same start time with all students being dismissed at 1:00

#### Delayed Opening:

- In the event that a delayed opening would need to be called (inclement weather), ALL students would attend school virtually.

In the upcoming weeks, you will be receiving supply lists as well as grade and school specific information from your child(ren)’s principal(s). In the meantime, and for your convenience, I have linked each school’s specific Restart and Recovery Plan below.

[School No. 2 The Road Forward \(pdf\)](#)

[School #3 The Road Forward \(pdf\)](#)

[School No. 1 - The Road Forward \(pdf\)](#)

I know that these are challenging times for all and so greatly appreciate your trust and support. While we know that school is going to look very different than it has in the past, some things are certain to remain the same. The way we care about your children, our dedication to their social-emotional and academic success, as well as our commitment to their health and safety prevail. I look forward to our continued partnership as we prepare for another successful school year. [State of the District Address](#)

Be well,

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