



# KEARNY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

The new school year is just around the corner and we are pleased to welcome back all students and staff to what promises to be an exciting year. I hope you have had an enjoyable, relaxing, and healthy summer. Despite the many bumps presented by the pandemic during these last seventeen months, the Kearny School District has completed some great things. Our summer program was one of the best attended in many years, serving 839 students in grades PreK - 12.

We have worked hard to reduce class sizes in order to provide the safest educational spaces for your children. We invite you to visit our district website – [www.kearnyschools.com](http://www.kearnyschools.com) - where the district's updated reopening plan has been posted.

As we prepare to open for the new school year, there are a few important things we wish to share with you:

- **Students aged 12 and up are encouraged to receive a COVID vaccine.** Contact the Kearny Board of Health for available vaccination dates and times.
- All students must be medically cleared to attend school. If you are a new student and have proven residency but have NOT completed the medical forms and received a confirmation of clearance, you must do so immediately or you will be unable to attend at the start of school.
- If you are a current student who has been notified that you are medically deficient, you must submit the required documentation prior to the start of school or you will not be admitted.
- **Students in grades PreK-5:** Parents must complete the COVID SCREENER in the Genesis Parent Portal every day school is in session.  
**Students (or their parents) in grades 6-12** must complete the COVID SCREENER every day in the Genesis portal.
- If your child is sick, please notify the school nurse for further instruction regarding return to school.  
**PLEASE DO NOT SEND SICK CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.**
- **Regulation uniforms** must be worn during the 2021-2022 school year.
- **ALL students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times** during the school day. (Please see the reopening plan for information regarding mask breaks and mask removal while eating breakfast, lunch, and snacks during the school day.) Please note that this policy will be reviewed on a regular basis according to the CALI score in our regional area.
- **Unvaccinated students who travel out of the country** must notify the district of travel and will be required to quarantine depending upon individual circumstances.
- **FREE Breakfast and Lunch** service will be available for students in all schools.

You will be receiving additional information from your building principals in the next few weeks. We look forward to having all of our students return to our buildings on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

PATRICIA BLOOD, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS