Easton Area School District:
2020 Reopening of School

August 6, 2020
Goals

- Provide a framework that we can adapt and be flexible within as we continue to receive new guidance

- Strike a balance between mitigation steps during a pandemic and educational best practices in an ever-changing situation
## Phased Schedule

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<th>Northampton County Color Code</th>
<th>EASD Reopening Phase</th>
<th>EASD Schedule</th>
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<td>Red</td>
<td>Red Phase</td>
<td>100% remote learning</td>
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<td>Green</td>
<td>Green Phase 1</td>
<td>Grades K-12: Hybrid rotational schedule</td>
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<td>Green Phase 2</td>
<td>Grades 6-12: Hybrid rotational schedule</td>
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<td>Grades K-5: Regular schedule; 8:45 - 3:30</td>
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<td>Green</td>
<td>Green Phase 3</td>
<td>100% return to regular schedule</td>
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## The Schedule Defined: Green Phase 1

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<td><strong>Green (Phase 1)</strong></td>
<td>K-5 Students and Staff</td>
<td>Hybrid instruction: In-person and remote learning</td>
<td>School Building and Online</td>
<td>Classes will be divided into equal groupings</td>
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<td>Hybrid instruction: In-person and remote learning on rotational basis based on last name</td>
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<td>Last Names: A- K Mon/Tues in-person Wed/Thurs/Fri remote</td>
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<td>Green (Phase 2)</td>
<td>K-5 Students and Staff</td>
<td>In-person instruction</td>
<td>School Building</td>
<td>All Students attend daily from 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</td>
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Q8 If Northampton County is in the GREEN phase of Governor Wolf’s plan, my preference for my child’s educational program is:

- Full day, in-person instruction on a daily basis with social distancing...
- Hybrid model of instruction (both in-person and online learning) on a...
- Completely online/remote instruction
Q8 What type of schedule would you be most comfortable returning to in the fall of 2020?

- Return of students for in-person instruction, with social distancing...
- Hybrid schedule (some in-person, some remote instruction)
- Remote instruction only
Academic Options

- Follow the phased schedule, as dictated by the District
- Easton Cyber Academy
- *Full-time remote learning led by EASD teachers*
Full-time remote learning option

- Taught by Easton teachers
- Curriculum content and materials the same as those used in EASD in-person/hybrid instruction
- Synchronous learning opportunities
- Ease of transition to or from EASD in-person/hybrid instruction
- Process
  - Survey for families interested in full-time remote instruction by EASD teachers
  - Survey posted on home page of website by 10:00 a.m. Friday morning
  - Only families interested in this option should complete the Google Form
  - Survey will close on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.
  - Directors of Elementary Education/Secondary Education will review response data with planning team and design the schedule accordingly
FAQ’s

What will be the process for students riding district buses?

● No more than 48 assigned to each bus
  ○ No more than 2 per seat
  ○ Will depend upon number of students who opt out or select remote learning option
● Students required to wear mask at all times
● Students who do not have a mask will be provided on upon entry to the bus
● Students will board from back to front
● “X’s” will be placed on each seat to designate where to sit
● Transportation opt out: by August 12

What will a typical classroom look like?

● Designated teaching space
● Designated space for teacher desk
● Student desks separated by 6 feet in most cases
  ○ Will be based on number of students and square footage of rooms
  ○ Could result in 4.5-6 feet in some circumstances
  ○ Desks staggered and facing same direction
**FAQ’s**

**Will staff and students be required to wear face coverings?**

- Yes.
- Masks, neck buffs, or face shields are acceptable.
- Students will be asked to bring their own, but masks will be provided to anyone who does not have one.
- Medical exceptions will be handled through Section 504 or the IDEA only.
- Individuals may not simply elect not to wear a face covering.

**Will students be moving throughout the building during the day?**

- Will be limited to the greatest extent possible.
- Face coverings will be required at all times when moving about the building.
- Hallways and stairwells will be labeled one way, when feasible.
- At the elementary level, all LAMP courses will be delivered in classroom to further decrease foot traffic.
FAQ’s

What will lunches look like?

● Students will be socially distanced and all facing the same direction.
● Lunches will be served in grab and go fashion.
● Additional spaces will be utilized within the school building, when necessary, in order to achieve social distancing while eating.

If I choose the remote learning option to start the school year, can I change my mind at any time?

● Yes!
● The remote learning option will be taught by EASD teachers using the EASD curriculum. So, students who wish to transition in or out of remote learning can do so at any time within the year.
FAQ’s

In the remote learning option, will students be held accountable for work completion and grades?

- Unlike the spring, remote instruction will be given specific timelines for completion and submission.
- Students will receive traditional grades for each grading period.

What if I have a specific question regarding my child? Who do I contact?

- If your child has a Section 504 plan, you can contact your child’s guidance counselor.
- If your child has an IEP, you may contact your child’s special education case manager.
- If you aren’t sure who to reach out to, contact your child’s school and they will put you in touch with the correct person.
FAQ’s

Who will have to quarantine if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

- Close contacts of those who test positive will be required to quarantine.
- Close contacts are defined as:
  - Those who were within 6 feet of the positive individual for 15 minutes or more.
  - Those who had direct physical contact.
  - Those who shared eating or drinking utensils.
  - Those who were sneezed on, coughed on, or got respiratory droplets on them from a positive individual.

How will the district determine if it is moving from one phase to another?

- This will be done collaboratively by the Pandemic Team.
- It will take into consideration the recommendations from local health officials, the District’s certified school nurses, and the District physician.
- The decision will be guided by science and the guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.