



Dear School of the Future Families,

I am sure that you saw the Mayor's announcement about the plans for school opening in the fall including the fact that students will rotate through in person and remote instruction. You can see the letter from the NYC School Chancellor below. Now, I want to keep you updated about SOF's plans and current thinking.

We have a large group of staff committed to planning the details of our opening schedule based on the health guidance from the DOE, our reflections on the Spring and your feedback. Now that we have more clarity about the parameters, we are beginning to figure out our schedule options, to refine our curriculums for these schedules and to consider our opening weeks with relationships, community and space to process at the forefront of our minds.

SOF will have a schedule where either two or three groups of students are rotating through in person and remote instruction. This will be based on how many students and staff we can safely have in our classrooms each day and the schedule that allows us to best support all of our students during both in school and remote learning. It is our priority to decide this as soon as possible so you can make plans regarding work, commuting, child care etc.

Knowing that some families will not be able to nor wish to send their children to in person school until we have a stable Covid 19 vaccine, next week, the DOE will allow families to opt into 'remote only' instruction and will share results with us weekly. Because this information is crucial for us to make decisions about our space capacity and schedules, we will also be surveying families about this option next week, as well as other preferences. We ask that you fill out these surveys as soon as possible, so we can make our decisions more quickly and based on your input and preferences.

We will be in touch with you a lot over the next few weeks with surveys and information. We hope to have a preliminary schedule set by July 23rd.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with questions or ideas. Our priority is the safety of our students and staff as well as designing learning experiences that work best for our different students. Reflecting on what has worked and hearing your feedback will help us create the best fall schedule possible.

All the best,

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Estimada familia de la Escuela del Futuro,

Estoy seguro de que vio el anuncio del alcalde sobre los planes para la apertura de la escuela en el otoño, incluido el hecho de que los estudiantes rotarán a través de la instrucción en persona y remota. Puede ver la carta del Canciller Escolar de Nueva York a continuación. Ahora, quiero mantenerlo actualizado sobre los planes y el pensamiento actual de SOF.

Tenemos un gran grupo de personal comprometido con la planificación de los detalles de nuestro horario de apertura basado en la orientación de salud del DOE, nuestras reflexiones sobre la primavera y sus comentarios. Ahora que tenemos más claridad sobre los parámetros, estamos comenzando a determinar nuestras opciones de programación, a refinar nuestros planes de estudio para estas programaciones y a considerar nuestras semanas de apertura con relaciones, comunidad y espacio para procesar en la vanguardia de nuestras mentes.

SOF tendrá un horario en el que dos o tres grupos de estudiantes rotarán a través de instrucción en persona y remota. Esto se basará en la cantidad de estudiantes y personal que podemos tener de manera segura en nuestras aulas cada día y el horario que nos permite apoyar mejor a todos nuestros estudiantes durante el aprendizaje tanto en la escuela como a distancia. Es nuestra prioridad decidir esto lo antes posible para que pueda hacer planes sobre el trabajo, los desplazamientos, el cuidado de los niños, etc.

Sabiendo que algunas familias no podrán ni desearán enviar a sus hijos a la escuela en persona hasta que tengamos una vacuna Covid 19 estable, la próxima semana, el DOE permitirá a las familias optar por la instrucción 'solo remota' y compartirá los resultados con nosotros semanal. Debido a que esta información es crucial para que tomemos decisiones sobre nuestra capacidad y horarios de espacio, también estaremos encuestando a las familias sobre esta opción la próxima semana, así como otras preferencias. Le pedimos que complete estas encuestas lo antes posible, para que podamos tomar nuestras decisiones más rápidamente y en función de sus comentarios y preferencias.

Nos pondremos en contacto con usted durante las próximas semanas con encuestas e información. Esperamos tener un cronograma preliminar establecido para el 23 de julio.

Por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto con preguntas o ideas. Nuestra prioridad es la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y el personal, así como diseñar experiencias de aprendizaje que funcionen mejor para nuestros diferentes estudiantes. Reflexionar sobre lo que ha funcionado y escuchar sus comentarios nos ayudará a crear el mejor programa de otoño posible.

Todo lo mejor,

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亲爱的未来家庭学校,

我敢肯定, 您会看到市长关于秋季开学计划的公告, 其中包括学生将亲自轮流和远程指导的事实。您可以在下面看到纽约市大学校长的来信。现在, 我想让您了解SOF的计划和最新想法。

我们有一大批员工致力于根据DOE的健康指导, 我们对春季的思考以及您的反馈来计划开放时间表的细节。既然我们对参数有了更清晰的了解, 我们将开始寻找时间表选项, 以针对这些时间表完善我们的课程表, 并考虑我们的开学周, 其中关系, 社区和处理空间都放在我们的脑海中。

SOF将有一个时间表, 其中两组或三组学生轮流进行亲自和远程指导。这将取决于我们每天可以安全地在教室中容纳多少学生和教职员工, 以及可以使我们在学校和远程学习期间为所有学生提供最佳支持的时间表。尽快决定是我们的工作重点, 以便您可以制定有关工作, 通勤, 育儿等方面的计划。

知道一些家庭在我们购买稳定的Covid 19疫苗之前将无法或不希望将他们的孩子送往亲自上学, 因此, DOE将在下周允许家庭选择“仅远程”指导并与我们分享结果每周。因为此信息对于我们决定我们的空间容量和时间表至关重要, 所以我们将在下周就有关此选项以及其他偏好的问题对家庭进行调查。我们要求您尽快填写这些调查, 以便我们可以根据您的意见和偏好更快地做出决定。

在接下来的几周内, 我们将通过调查和信息与您保持联系。我们希望在7月23日之前设定初步时间表。

请不要犹豫与问题或想法联系。我们的首要任务是确保学生和教职员工的安全, 并设计最适合我们不同学生的学习体验。反思行之有效的方法, 并听取您的反馈意见, 将有助于我们制定最佳的跌落时间表。

祝一切顺利,

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NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION·WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020·READING TIME: 8 MINUTES

Dear Families,

I hope you are having a restful summer so far, and staying healthy and safe. I am writing today to share important information about the fall, when school will start up again for the 2020-2021 school year. At the conclusion of this note you will find this information organized by topic, including school scheduling, health and safety protocols, and more. Please bookmark schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020, where more information is available, and which will be regularly updated as we get closer to reopening.

Our commitment to health and safety drives everything that we do. It drove the transition to remote learning this past March, when we knew that closing school buildings was essential to flattening the curve of COVID-19 infection across New York City. It was profoundly challenging, but you and your children handled it with unbelievable grace and effort, and school communities came together to make it work in historic fashion.

Now, almost four months later, our commitment to health and safety will drive us into the new school year. We have been through so much together, and as we look ahead to September, we see the big picture: the continuing rise in cases across the country; current guidance from City, State, and Federal health authorities; and the knowledge that as the trajectory of the virus continues to evolve, the guidance we must follow will also evolve. When it does, we have to be ready, and prepared to adapt. We've also received over 400,000 responses from families and students to a survey asking about preferences and concerns for the upcoming year, and your input has been critical in our planning.

Taken together, this picture demands we begin the 2020-21 school year in an unprecedented way—including new health protocols, physical distancing, and more. Make no mistake: New York City students will still be learning 5 days a week. A major difference is that we are preparing to deliver their education through a blended learning model. Blended learning means students will be taught on-site in school for part of the week, and will attend school remotely on the other days of the week.

Any family can also choose all-remote learning, for any reason. But we know that the majority of families want as much in-person instruction as is safely possible, and we will work to maximize it at every turn, consistent with health and safety requirements. We will continue to lead with the lens of equity and excellence, giving your child what they need to excel—and recognizing the ways that will be different from each of their classmates, especially in a time of crisis. We will not look away from the ways this virus has further magnified the effects of systemic racism in our communities. We will continue to explore opportunities to directly correct structural inequities—like closing the digital divide.

Our plans must be nimble so we can adjust and update as needed, as the public health landscape continues to evolve. We are also awaiting guidance from the State of New York, and we will be closely coordinating with them once it is released. All of the most up-to-date information will be available at schools.nyc.gov/returntoschool2020, and at the end of this letter are the most important takeaways for you at this moment. Please remember that this guidance may change as public health conditions evolve.

In closing, I want to say that I'm excited, and I'm anxious—just like you. I know that blending in-person and remote learning feels like an improvement over the all-remote experience of the last three months, but still comes with many questions and concerns. We will work with you every step of the way to answer questions around sibling scheduling, transportation, what happens if there's a confirmed case in a school, and more. I'm committed to doing everything I can to make this easy for you—and I will not compromise on health and safety.

I always say that New York City has the best students, families, and staff in the world—and that nothing will ever change that. A safe return to schools in the fall, and the broader safety of our whole city, will require we consistently work together as partners—DOE staff, families, and students. Together we can ensure that the 1.1 million students—your children—in the NYC public school system get the education they deserve in the safest, most supportive environments possible.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Carranza

Chancellor, New York City Department of Education