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Greetings Terrier Family!

I hope that you and your family are doing well despite this Global Pandemic that has changed our lives! We have been working with the Reopening Committee to get the campus ready for our students' arrival and ensure a safe and successful learning environment. It will be a lot different looking than what we are used to, but we will need to make these changes in order to accommodate social distancing and other health guidelines.

The guidelines from local, state and federal agencies have helped frame our reopening plans for the Essex County Schools of Technology School District. Our top priority is the health and safety of everyone in our learning community, promoting our inclusive spirit, and appreciation for the diversity of our students we serve. Our safety plans are fluid to ensure refinement, if necessary, as we navigate the uncertainty of the moment, the day and even a given week.

The reopening plan includes: (1) Changes to our school environment, (2) Enhanced cleaning protocols, (3) Safety measures dealing with COVID-19, and (4) Modified Bell Schedule - In Person and Virtual. It will take some time to acclimate to these COVID measures we are taking, which will allow our students to continue to excel in their school life.

We have been evaluating our building procedures to implement a schedule that would best meet the safety and academic concerns for our students, staff, and families. At this time, to meet the identified needs, we will be implementing a Blended Remote Learning schedule.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>25% each grade</i>	<i>25% each grade</i>	<i>No Students</i>	<i>25% each grade</i>	<i>25% each grade</i>
Cohort A	Cohort B	Virtual Learning	Cohort C	Cohort D
9th = 40	9th = 40		9th = 40	9th = 40
10th = 44	10th = 44		10th = 44	10th = 44
11th = 48	11th = 48		11th = 48	11th = 48
12th = 52	12th = 52		12th = 52	12th = 52
Total = 184	Total = 184	Total = 0	Total = 184	Total = 184

MODIFIED BELL SCHEDULE 2020-21	START	END	# OF MIN
HOMEROOM	8:20	8:31	11
PERIOD 1	8:31	9:02	31
PERIOD 2	9:02	9:33	31
PASSING (IN-PERSON)/BREAK (ONLINE)	9:33	9:38	5
PERIOD 3	9:38	10:09	31
PERIOD 4 (11 th Grade Lunch)	10:09	10:40	31
PASSING (IN-PERSON)/BREAK (ONLINE)	10:40	10:45	5
PERIOD 5 (9 th Grade Lunch)	10:45	11:16	31
PERIOD 6 (12 th Grade Lunch)	11:16	11:47	31
PASSING (IN-PERSON)/BREAK (ONLINE)	11:47	11:52	5
PERIOD 7 (10 th Grade Lunch)	11:52	12:23	31
PASSING (IN-PERSON)/BREAK (ONLINE)	12:23	12:28	5
PERIOD 8	12:28	12:59	31
PERIOD 9	12:59	1:30	31

In preparation for the return to the school building, Essex County Newark Tech, in alignment with the Governor's Restart and Recovery: The Road Back Plan has considered the following in order to reduce exposure and transmission of COVID-19:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings;
- Prohibit students and staff from confined spaces with limited ventilation;
- Require social distancing as observed, as much as possible;
- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and
- Require an increase in school wide cleaning and disinfection.

With the health of your child(ren) being our top priority, we understand if parents decide to keep their child(ren) home next school year. **Students whose families prefer that they remain at home until schools fully open may participate in all of their courses remotely.** These students must follow their schedule of classes through synchronous remote learning until face-to-face instruction resumes and schools are fully open. As part of our recovery plan, we are continuously working through the details of scaling our distance learning platform in order to provide the best experience for students and families.

While we know it is still a time of uncertainty, we hope you are able to enjoy your summer in a safe and healthy way. We look forward to seeing you back in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (973) 412-2272 or cmorales@essextech.org.

Yours in Education,

Carmen T. Morales

Principal