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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I want to welcome back all our returning Terrier families and congratulate our newest members of the Terrier family, the Class of 2024!!

As we plan for a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, our focus will still be to ensure that every student is provided with a rich learning experience. We have been working hard all summer to plan for a safe opening of school and to implement best practices to mitigate the risks associated with Covid-19. As a district, we have decided on implementing full remote learning for all students when school reopens on September 2, 2020. This will occur until September 25, where the health factors will be reassessed and plans modified, where necessary. We anticipate returning to the schools on September 28 for hybrid learning. Please refer to my Reopening Plan, found on our website, for a detailed description of our hybrid learning plan.

Our priority is to keep everyone safe while not making life more difficult for our parents. Each family situation is uniquely different. We fully understand your varied concerns about health and safety, distance learning, the importance of face-to-face instruction, parents needing to work, the economy, and all of the other unexpected consequences of not being in school or being in school in a traditional method.

Partnering with families will be crucial this year as we face many obstacles due to the global pandemic. We appreciate your support as you work at home to facilitate the distance learning process for your child. We encourage families to stay connected and informed by following our district website for important updates and information regarding our reopening plans. Please also follow our social media page for up to date and accurate information.

### **A few things you may be wondering about before we get started next week:**

#### **When will we receive our schedule?**

\*We will grant student and parent access to PowerSchool once the guidance secretary has received Proof of Residency and our school counselors have thoroughly reviewed the schedules of students on their caseloads. If you have not already done so, please email your child's Proof of Residency directly to the school guidance secretary. Please DO NOT send your Proof of Residency forms to Dr. Jeter, principals, or other administrators moving forward. All documents should be scanned or photographed and emailed directly to your child's

Guidance Secretary for immediate review. Those who have submitted their proof of residency will gain access to PowerSchool by Friday, August 28. Newark Tech, Ms. Nicole Blasco, Guidance Administrative Professional, Email: [nblasco@essextech.org](mailto:nblasco@essextech.org)

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen Morales".

Carmen Morales  
Principal