

# Shrewsbury Borough School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am pleased to let you know that the Shrewsbury Borough School (SBS) is currently making plans to expand our in-person instructional program for all of our students, Pre-K to 8. We expect that we will be able to have a full return for students before November 1st. The district has purchased additional student desk shields to outfit each classroom which are due to arrive in approximately 3 weeks. Once this process is complete, we will be ready to have everyone return from Monday to Thursday from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. If this effort is successful, SBS will add more instructional time to our school day and our school week.

It's important to note that SBS has not received any new or different guidance regarding safety protocols from the CDC, the NJDOH, or the Monmouth County Health Commission #1. However, we have received feedback from our community requesting that bring all of our students back for as much in-person instruction as possible. Based on our school and classroom space limitations and configurations, when we offer all of our students the ability to receive in person instruction, SBS will not be able to guarantee 6 feet of social distance between students nor will SBS be able to guarantee the 3 feet of social distance between students as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. We will, of course, make every effort to keep all of our students safe at all times while in school, and on school grounds, and parents will continue to have the option to have their children attend completely remotely.

While in school, students will still be required to wear masks, utilize student desk shields and other barriers throughout the school, and make every effort to be socially distanced when possible. We will continue to emphasize the importance of frequent handwashing and personal hygiene to prevent and mitigate illness. It will be critically important that parents refrain from sending students to school when they are sick and that families practice all of the CDC guidelines when not in school.

As we prepare for SBS for a full, in person return, we will also continue our roll out of synchronous, live streaming instruction to our 3rd and 4th grades based on the success that we have experienced in grades 5 through 8 so far.

If we work together, we will be able to have a safe, healthy, successful return for everyone in the SBS school community.

I will have more information about our return soon.

Very sincerely,

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