

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Each week we will be providing updates from the three committees planning the reopening of Glen Rock Schools for the fall. The three committees are Scheduling, Instruction and PPE. Each committee includes over 20 members from various areas of the district including teachers, nurses, the school physician, administrators, assistants and more.

• **Scheduling Committee Led by Mrs. Tina Bacolas, Assistant Principal of Glen Rock High School and Instruction Committee Led by Mr. Paul Cusack, District Coordinator of Special Projects:**

The K-5 and 6-12 subcommittees of the Scheduling and Instruction Committees meet this week to review and breakdown "The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education" guidelines that were released by the NJDOE on Friday June 26th. The Committees continue to collaborate on developing a "best fit" model to maximize educational time, account for student needs and minimize risk.

• **PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Committee Led by Mr. Michael Rinderknecht, Business Administrator/Board Secretary:**

The PPE committee is scheduled to meet again after the week of July 13th, time and date to be determined. Based on the previous PPE committee meeting Don Mutch, Interim Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds is finalizing the PPE supply orders to include masks for staff, touchless hand sanitizing stations for common areas and classrooms in addition to other necessary PPE supplies that will be needed.

Rich Santos, Network Administrator is in the process of gathering information on temperature check kiosks for each of the schools and he and I will be meeting with the district's nurses and the school physician to make a final decision on the temperature check kiosks that we will be ordering.

Rob McCorry, Director of Security is reviewing ingress/egress protocols for each of the schools and also looking at travel patterns within each school building to determine necessary social distancing signage that will be required.

Dr. Charleston and myself held two meetings this week with the re-opening committee chairs to make certain each committee is on the same page and aware of the various scenarios they are currently looking at.

• **High School Athletics Letter:** Please read the letter from Mr. Violante below.

- **Middle School Announcements:**

Glen Rock Middle School Summer Assignments were shared with students and families this morning via a Schoology Announcement for grades 7 and 8. All incoming 6th grade families received this information via Genesis email blast. You can also find this information on the GRMS website under the Announcement tab or by [clicking this link](#).

The Middle School expects delivery of yearbooks from Josten's yearbook company this week. The company was behind in processing due to COVID. A plan for distribution of yearbooks will be shared with students and families once the yearbooks are received and sorted. Please stay tuned and we appreciate your patience.

- **Graduation:** Seniors, Please RSVP to the July 30th in-person graduation ceremony. Please respond even if you do not plan to come. You can only access the [form](#) with your Glen Rock Google account. RSVP by July 10th.

- **Mental Health Resources:** Here is this week's updated Bergen County Mental Health [resource document](#).

- **Summer Opportunities:**

[Summer Kids & Teens Program at Bergen Community College](#) and [Glen Rock Community School Camps](#)

As a reminder, school property is closed at all times. There is to be no use of the fields, playgrounds, parking lots, etc. Have a wonderful and healthy summer. We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

Allison De Meulder

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Director of Communications

June 30, 2020

Dear Glen Rock High School Parents/Guardians and Student-Athletes,

I hope that the first few weeks of your break has given you a chance to enjoy this wonderful weather. The end of the school year was certainly not what we expected when school began in September. However, as we look forward to the 2020-21 school year we can hope that there will be a return to some form of normalcy. Many of you, I am sure, are excited to get back to practice and prepare for the fall season. The NJSIAA recently released their Phase 1 Return to Play Protocols. These Phase 1 protocols, which can begin on July 13th for fall athletics is for conditioning only and are not mandatory. Since Phase 1 is not mandatory we have decided to hold off beginning any formal school sponsored workouts until at least July 27th at the earliest. Hopefully, at that time we will have a better idea of where the NJSIAA stands for the fall and what Phase 2 will look like and when it can begin. Also, by waiting it will give the athletic trainer, school nurses and school doctor a chance to clear the athletes for participation. Please

understand that our administration believes the health and safety of our student-athletes and coaches is our top priority.

In order to register your child for summer workouts the athletic trainer and school nurses will be sending out the necessary forms through Schoology in the next few days. Please read all posted materials and if necessary they are available to answer your email questions.

As the athletic trainer and nurses put together the cleared lists for those teams that are planning to have summer workouts the coaches will reach out to their athletes with information pertaining to their particular sport. We will continue to monitor the new phases and regulations that are released and once we believe that we can best protect the health and safety of all involved, we will be back on the field/court for practice. I have also included a video from the NJSIAA which may be helpful in explaining the situation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwxfChhvgCw>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Frank Violante