

Glassboro Public Schools



MEMO

To: Dr. Mark Silverstein, Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. Robert Preston, Chief Academic Officer

Date: September 13, 2021

Re: Action Memo
September 22, 2021 Board Meeting

Recommend Board Approve the Virtual and Remote Instruction Plan. According to the NJDOE, in order to provide transparency and ensure that New Jersey students continue to receive high quality, standards-based instruction, each school district, charter school, renaissance school project and Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities (APSSDs) must annually submit its proposed program for virtual or remote instruction (plan) to the Commissioner of Education.



Local Educational Agency Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2021-2022 School Year (SY)

The New Jersey Department of Education (Department) remains at the ready to assist every local educational agency (LEA) in returning to full-time, in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 SY. This includes providing LEAs with guidance in the event of declared emergencies resulting in a district-wide closure. The Department appreciates the challenges that LEAs had to overcome during the 2020-2021 SY as they faced a myriad of decisions affecting both the safety of their students and staff as well as the instructional experience. The Department is encouraging LEAs to reflect upon their experiences with virtual and remote instruction when planning for the 2021-2022 SY.

In April 2020, Governor Murphy issued an executive order that became [P.L.2020, c.27](#). This law provides for the continuity of instruction in the event of a public-health related district closure so that LEAs can utilize virtual or remote instruction to satisfy the 180-day requirement pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9*. **In order to provide transparency and ensure that New Jersey students continue to receive high quality, standards-based instruction, each school district, charter school, renaissance school project and Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities (APSSDs) must annually submit its proposed program for virtual or remote instruction (plan) to the Commissioner of Education.** This plan would be implemented during a district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure. A superintendent must consult with the board of education, if practicable, prior to implementing the school district's plan of virtual or remote instruction. A day of virtual or remote instruction, if instituted under a plan approved by the Commissioner of Education, is considered the equivalent of a full day of school attendance for the purposes of meeting State and local graduation requirements, awarding of course credit, and such other matters as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

LEAs must include the statutory requirements listed in the "LEA Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2021-2022 SY," in their plans for virtual or remote instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. The 2021-2022 plans must be approved by the LEA's board of education or board of trustees (board), submitted to the county office of education for review and approval, and posted on the LEA's website. **The board-approved plan and checklist are due to the county office of education no later than October 29, 2021.** In the event that the LEA is directed to provide virtual or remote instruction before garnering county office approval, the approval date will be retroactive. Questions should be directed to the [county office of education](#).



The plan addresses the impact of virtual or remote instruction on the school lunch and school breakfast programs.

The plan should contain how the LEA will provide continued safe delivery of meals to eligible students.

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District Confirmation: Yes No

County Confirmation: Yes No

The plan contains the required length of a virtual or remote instruction day.

The minimum hours of instruction for a virtual or remote day is four hours excluding lunch and recess.

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District Confirmation: Yes No

County Confirmation: Yes No

Plan Posted on LEA Website

Is the plan posted on your website? Yes No

Website link: https://www.gpsd.us/

APSSD Only

Was your plan shared with all sending districts? Yes No

Board Approval

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 09/22/2021

Name and Signature of Chief School Administrator or Lead Person

Chief School Administrator or Lead Person Name: Mark Silverstein

Chief School Administrator or School Lead Person Signature: 

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 09/22/2021

Date of Submission to County Office

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 09/23/2021