

Planning for September 2020

Update for Murrow families

August 4, 2020

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The Chancellor and the Mayor announced September 2020 will be a blended learning model.

- Each model presented by the Chancellor has its advantages and disadvantages – some are only for D75 schools and some are primarily for elementary schools. Of the remaining models that include high schools, we are looking closely at 2.
- There are several factors influencing our decision about which model we choose:
- Health and safety
- Which model is the best model for our students (consistency/frequency of in-person instruction)
- How many families opt for 100% remote learning (family deadline is 8/7; our deadline to submit our model choice is 8/14)
- Final building capacity numbers (Our walkthrough numbers 1,415 and initial DOE numbers approx. 1,800 are different) – we are looking at roughly 1/3 of the students in-person each day. Our walkthrough numbers did not count gymnasiums and other spaces such as the auditorium, cafeteria, 285 suite that can possibly be utilized as a classroom space.

Model 3 under consideration ...

Model 3

6 DAY ROTATION WITH 1-2 DAYS PER WEEK THREE IN-PERSON COHORTS



Option for: Middle and High Schools

Summary:

- Three in-person cohorts, one remote.
- Option to program for each group to be in-person one day and remote two days (Model 3A), or in-person two days and remote for four days (Model 3B).
- **Group A, Group B, Group C:** in-person learning 1-2 days per week (twice in a 6-day rotation); remote learning for non-in person days.
- **Group D:** remote every day; consists of students who opt out of in-person instruction.

Model 3A

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Mon.
Group D (Remote)					Group D
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group A	Group B	Group C

6-Day Rotation

Model 3B

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Mon.
Group D (Remote)					Group D
Group A	Group A	Group B	Group B	Group C	Group C

6-Day Rotation

This model allows for students in Group A, Group B and Group C to attend school 2 days each week (6-day rotation). Again Group D is 100% remote.

Throughout July ...

- We have surfaced a number of questions and concerns that have been brought to our attention and are awaiting some guidance.
- Brooklyn South high schools met to discuss the different models.
- We have met with large high school representatives representatives from Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens to discuss ideas and those meetings will continue.
- We have met and/or spoken with representatives from the various constituencies throughout the Murrow community to elicit ideas and concerns.

Important Dates...

CALL TO ACTION

DATES TENTATIVE -- SUBJECT TO CHANGE



JULY

July 8

Round 1 of School Guidance

- Schedule Models
- Initial Health Guidelines
- Initial School Budget Allocation

July 15

Family Sign-Up on Remote Only Launches (target)

Projected Launch of School-Based Staff Reasonable Accommodation Application

July 16

Round 2 of School Guidance

July 23

Revision of School Guidance
Pending New York State Guidance

Schools Submit Initial Programming Model Choice

Begin weekly updates to principals of staff with accommodations to work remotely

AUGUST

August 7

Family Sign-Up for Remote Only Closes

August 14

Schools Submit Programming Model Choice

August 21

Superintendents Approve Exceptions

TBD in August: Parents Notified of Child's Schedule and Group, Staff Training
Ongoing: Health & Safety Metrics Monitoring

SEPTEMBER...First Day of School

What we know ...

- School will be different – we have to adjust to different ways of moving around the building/using our spaces, etc.
- Masks/face coverings will be required for all staff and students in the building
- The building will be cleaned/sanitized each day, in preparation for the next day
- Some spaces in the school can be re-purposed for use as instructional spaces
- We will be using Google Classroom for all remote/blended learning
- Social-emotional supports will be in place for students and staff when we return – we have all experienced trauma in the last few months

What we also know ...

NYC DOE along with DOH have developed protocols and safety measures for: building preparations prior to reopening, thresholds for opening and closing schools, food services, building safety measures, testing and tracing, and personal health measures.

This information can be found on the [schools.nyc.gov](https://www.schools.nyc.gov) page.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety>

What we also know ...

- **Inner Core Classrooms** - We will not be using the inner core classrooms for in person instruction.
- **Social Distancing within the classroom** – On average there will be 10-12 people per classroom to comply with CDC guidelines on social distancing.
- **Lunch** – Will be eaten in classrooms, not cafeteria.
- **Expectations for Blended Learning** (in person and remote) - The DOE and UFT are currently discussing these issues as well as other labor related issues.

What we are currently discussing and working on ...

- Schedule
- Social distancing in non-classroom spaces (in hallways, staircases, bathrooms)
- Remote learning expectations
- Cohorts

What will change...

- Given the blended model and limited building capacity, we will have to consider programming the school different from the way we have in the past.

All efforts will be made to keep the wonderful array of courses (electives and specialty classes) that make Murrow special.

A few things ...

- Please continue to stay safe.
- There are many things we still don't know...
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- Zoom Q and A for parents will be tomorrow night at 6:00pm (August 5, 2020). We will send you the meeting information.



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