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Kingsway School District Re-Opening FAQs

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<p><i>What is the procedure for a teacher/staff member or student that tests positive for COVID19?</i></p>	<p>School officials will establish and maintain communication with local and State authorities to determine current mitigation levels in the community. Middle School Nurse Rose Fredericks will serve as liaison to County and State health officials for Kingsway; South Harrison School Nurse Bethany Bakley will serve as liaison for South Harrison Twp. Elementary School. South Harrison and Kingsway Regional School nurses will continue to collaborate with School Physician, Dr. Pirolli and solicit feedback, direction and guidance with regard the health and safety guidelines.</p> <p><u>Isolation and Quarantine</u>: Isolation and quarantine help protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have a contagious disease (NJDOE, NJCDS); Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick; Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.</p> <p>The timeframe for Self-Isolation/Quarantine is based on testing results. It is expected that any person getting a COVID-19 Diagnostic Test (nasal swab or saliva) will self-quarantine after specimen collection AND are advised of the results of their test, unless otherwise directed by those administering the test. These recommendations are not for those who undergo antibody testing (serologic test). Depending on the test result, the length of time for isolation/self-quarantine is determined by the chart attached. <u>Timeframe for Self-Isolation/Quarantine based on test result (NJDOH)</u></p> <p>The Schools recognize the NJ Department of Health’s instructional and steps for NJ residents who test for COVID-19. <u>NJ Residents who test POSITIVE for COVID-19</u>; <u>NJ Residents who test NEGATIVE for COVID-19</u></p> <p>As a district, we are required to undergo contact tracing protocols under the guidance of the Gloucester County Department of Health. We will undergo that protocol immediately when a student or staff member contracts COVID 19. Parents will be notified if their child has been exposed to someone who has contracted the virus.</p>

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	<p>Students who are sick will be sent home or should stay home. Communication to the school attendance secretary is critical. Parents and students will then proceed following their family doctor’s orders.</p> <p>Parents and students should follow current CDC guidelines in conjunction with their family doctor recommendations. If students are healthy enough to do virtual learning, provisions will be made for them to attend in the virtual setting.</p> <p>Students who have family members who have contracted COVID and live in the same household should also follow current CDC guidelines and contact school health officials who will provide further guidance.</p>
<p><i>How are you testing students before entering school and exposing other staff and students?</i></p>	<p>Parents will be expected to complete a <i>COVID-19 Screening Pledge</i> prior to the start of the school year. Daily, students will be required to complete a <i>CODID-19 Symptom Screening</i> form prior to arriving to school. This was communicated in the Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020 and additional details regarding procedures will be communicated over the summer.</p>
<p><i>How will parents be notified? Will the parents of only that one classroom be notified or will the entire school community be notified?</i></p>	<p>It depends, but generally yes, but only if that information is in a non-personally identifiable form. Specifically, the educational agency or institution must make a reasonable determination that a student’s identity is not personally identifiable, whether through single or multiple releases, and taking into account other reasonably available information. See 34 C.F.R. § 99.31(b)(1). If an educational agency or institution discloses information about students in non-personally identifiable form, then consent by the parents or eligible students is not needed under FERPA. (FERPA Student Privacy Policy Office, March 2020)</p> <p>The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released guidance on February 3, 2020, regarding disclosures of PHI to first responders such as law enforcement officials, paramedics, and public health authorities. In a bulletin released on March 28, 2020, OCR reminded covered entities of their civil rights obligations to protected classes under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.</p> <p>A parent or eligible student must provide written consent before an educational agency or institution discloses PII from a student’s education records, unless one of the exceptions to FERPA’s general consent rule applies. 20 U.S.C. §§ 1232g(b)(1) and (b)(2); 34 C.F.R. §§ 99.30 and 99.31. FERPA requires that a consent form be signed and dated by a parent or eligible student and (1) specify the records that may be disclosed; (2) state the purpose of the disclosure; and (3) identify the party or class of parties to whom the disclosure may be made. 34 C.F.R. § 99.30(a) and (b). At the conclusion of this document, we have included a sample FERPA consent form.</p> <p>Although educational agencies and institutions can often address threats to the health or safety of students or other individuals in a manner that does not identify a particular student, FERPA permits educational agencies and institutions to disclose, without prior written consent, PII from student education records to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency, if knowledge of that information is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or other</p>

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	addressed in general emergency preparedness activities. If local public health authorities determine that a public health emergency, such as COVID-19, is a significant threat to students or other individuals in the community, an educational agency or institution in that community may determine that an emergency exists as well.
<i>What is the procedure for a student or teacher/staff member who becomes ill during the day?</i>	Staff/Students who begin to show symptoms during the workday should report to the nurse’s office. The nurse will assess and determine if staff/students should be isolated or quarantined and picked up or in the case of a staff member sent home. To learn about isolation/quarantine, click Timeframe for Self-Isolation/Quarantine based on test result (NJDOH)
<i>What if kids or faculty are travelling/visiting outside of the state? What will be protocol?</i>	New Jersey’s State Travel Ban Advisory has issued an incoming travel advisory that all individuals entering the State with a significant spread of COVID-19 should quarantine for 14-days after leaving the state. As of July 28, 2020, there are currently 36 states and U.S. jurisdictions that meet the criteria. Governor Murphy recently stated, “It is critically important that all New Jerseyans remain committed to beating COVID-19 by remaining vigilant and continuing our collective efforts to reduce new cases and the rate of transmission throughout the state. In order to prevent additional outbreaks across New Jersey and continue with our responsible restart and recovery process, I strongly encourage all individuals arriving from these hotspot states to proactively get a COVID-19 test and self-quarantine. Students are expected to abide by the Governor Murphy’s recommendation to quarantine and to communicate with each school’s attendance secretary.
<i>My child will be driving herself to and from school, how are you going to assign parking spaces and when will we know?</i>	Driving information will be out by 7/31/20. Students will sign up through Google. Once approved, an e-mail will be sent requesting appropriate documentation.
<i>Will juniors be allowed to drive and park at the school since there will be more available parking spaces?</i>	Juniors will be allowed to park during the hybrid scenario; however if/when we resume a normal schedule (all students on campus at same time) priority will be given to seniors as we have limited parking.
<i>Will the students be switching classrooms throughout the day, or will they take all classes in one classroom?</i>	Yes, students will be switching from class to class throughout the day. Regular cleaning protocols are in place for the classrooms and other areas throughout the day. Students will be cohorted to reduce our school population in an effort to socially distance when possible. The schedules have been built on a delayed opening bell schedule and can be found by clicking the links below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Hybrid Bell Schedule • High School Hybrid Bell Schedule

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<p><i>Will there be any consideration for families who have younger siblings attending EG schools and the need for older sibling childcare?</i></p>	<p>Yes, our Cohort model has sorted students alphabetically so that the elementary school students can follow the same reporting schedule as their older siblings at Kingsway. We continue to communicate with our sending districts ensure that siblings in various schools are all a part of the same cohort and report to school on the same days. You can read more about this in the Superintendent's Preliminary School Reopening Schedules Letter - July 23, 2020.</p>
<p><i>Kingsway is one of the few not operating on a half day and providing grab and go lunches. Can parents who want to try the hybrid model opt kids out of this lunch, arrange their schedule and just come get them?</i></p>	<p>Students will be eating at Kingsway each day; we made this decision because we are confident with the protocols that we have put in place that eating/lunch can occur in a safe manner. Students will be eating in small groups, students will eat in the same room, students will be in assigned seats, no buffet style serving will occur, and cleaning protocols before and after lunch will occur each day. The administration will continue to monitor the lunch procedures throughout the year. This matter is addressed in the Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020.</p>
<p><i>Are there rules for face coverings?</i></p>	<p>A guideline that will apply to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors is the <i>wearing of cloth facemasks</i>. While we will share additional information regarding masks, it is important that our parents are aware of this requirement now, as it will apply to all our students throughout the duration of the school day. Please know that the District will not be providing masks to students and that the purchasing of masks will be the responsibility of our parents. NJ.com recently published an article entitled, “You need to ‘mask train’ your kids before schools reopen... Here’s how to do it.” I share this article to assist our parents/students in the preparation of wearing masks (or neck gaiters) throughout the school day as “mask-endurance” will be a serious challenge for students.</p> <p>Masks are to adhere to the dress code from the standpoint that any mask that is offensive or causes a disruption to the learning environment will not be permitted. Dress code violations as they pertain to masks would be subject to the discipline code as well. N95 masks or KN95 masks are permitted. The district will be providing protective masks for all staff. Shields may be used by staff members (following protocol) in some instances. Masks must be worn properly by all staff and students.</p>
<p><i>How will lunches be handled to ensure safety/social distancing is able to happen?</i></p>	<p>In both the high school and middle school, students bring lunch will eat in their fourth period class. Assigned seating will be utilized, and before and after cleaning protocols will be in place. If students are buying lunch, they will purchase in the cafe and bring to their fourth period class to eat. Water and snacks will be sold class-to-class by our food services department.</p>
<p><i>Can we still pick up agendas and other materials for the all-virtual option?</i></p>	<p>Yes, if your child chooses the “All-Virtual” School Option, you may pick up materials. We will send out more specific communication on this procedure once we get closer to the beginning of school.</p>
<p><i>With the amount of time the students will be in school and on bus will they be able to have a snack and bring water bottle?</i></p>	<p>Students will be able to bring in a water bottle and snacks will be sold during the lunchtime. Please note that water fountains will be shut off to limit the spread of the virus.</p>

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<i>Can you define how the classrooms will look?</i>	50% of the population will be in so the hope is that class sizes are limited to allow social distancing to be optimized in the classroom and in conjunction with CDC guidelines.
<i>Can you define how hallways will look?</i>	Hallways will be designated as one-way travel routes (where applicable).

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<i>What is the difference between the hybrid schedule & virtual option?</i>	<p>Hybrid Learning Environment – Schools will provide a combination of in-person and virtual instruction and students will report according to their cohort.</p> <p>“All-Virtual” School Option – Reserved for parents who choose not to send their child to school for in-person instruction and, instead, select an "All-Virtual" School Option.</p> <p><i>(For more detailed information on these options, visit our website HERE.)</i></p>
<i>Will the teachers be teaching in a live stream or recorded lecture format?</i>	At this time, teachers will not be live streaming from the classroom. Students at home will be working asynchronously on prepared lessons and the students in-person will be working on the same lesson with the teacher in-person. These lessons could take the form of recorded lessons from teachers or other pre-recorded formats depending upon the lesson.
<i>What is the difference between synchronous and asynchronous learning?</i>	<p>Synchronous: happens in real time (e.g. video conferencing, teleconferencing, live chatting, and live-streaming lectures). The means class and instructor interact in a specific virtual place, through a specific online medium, at a specific time.</p> <p>Asynchronous: happens on at the student’s own pace on his/her own schedule. The instructor will provide materials for reading, lectures for viewing, assignments for completing, and assessments for evaluation to access and satisfy requirements within a flexible time frame. However, students must adhere to instructor due dates.</p>
<i>If students are in cohort V, will there be specific times they need to be logged on? Or will content all be recorded at the students can view as needed?</i>	Students in Cohort V will be working asynchronously at home on Mon./Tue./Thur./Fri. and will be accessing posted assignments/lessons. On Wed. they will log in synchronously (live) with their whole class. Although, Cohort V students will not need to follow specific times, we highly encourage students to follow the schedule times as they work through the lessons to help secure a routine.

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<i>Will Office Hours still be offered?</i>	Yes. Office Hours refer to the time within the scheduled day that teachers are available for students virtually for added support to review a brief lesson component, to build relationships, or to provide support or enrichment based upon their needs. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child’s teacher about what will be offered during Office Hours throughout the week and how these offerings will be communicated to students.
<i>Will the same teachers be doing both in person and virtual teaching on the same days?</i>	Yes, however, they will not be live streaming. The same teacher will be responsible for providing instruction and support for the in-person group as well as instruction for the at-home group. The students at home will be working asynchronously and the students in-person will be working on the same lesson synchronously.
<i>Will the virtual school days be more structured than they were in the spring?</i>	The Wednesday virtual day will be more defined than Semester II of last year in the spring. All teachers and students will be required to log in and follow their daily schedule. On the days that students are home (i.e. either M/T or R/F) all work will be available for them to complete in order of their typical schedule. We recommend that students work in this manner to establish routines.
<i>Why isn't there more of a focus on synchronous learning and live-streaming instruction?</i>	Currently, the state is requiring that districts offer some type of in-person option (hybrid) that complies with current safety guidelines (social distancing, mask wearing, etc.) with the option for families to go virtual (all-virtual option). As the school year starts in the hybrid, the district will continue to explore/troubleshoot a “live-stream” option. If the state/district pivots to a full-virtual environment for all students because of updates from the state, we will run a fully synchronous schedule for the students.
<i>The Cyber Learning platform last school year proved difficult for my child. Is it possible to have an ABVAB schedule instead of the suggested AA/V/BB?</i>	Kingsway worked alongside the sending districts to ensure alignment of the current model for parents and students. Therefore, it will not be possible to adjust to A/B/V/A/B. It is important to mention that the district has just adopted a new learning management system (LMS) called Schoology . This will replace Google Classroom. The goal is to improve the student experience by having everything in one location on one dashboard rather than hopping in and out of various Google Classrooms. Additionally, Schoology will allow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faculty can deliver class materials, assessments, feedback, grades, and other support services to students in one “digital ecosystem.” ● Students can submit assignments digitally, review individual assignment feedback, track grades (<i>rather than going to PowerSchool</i>), participate in interactive discussions, receive announcements and feedback, write blogs, and more. ● Parents can view their children's activity, check grades, communicate with teachers all within the Schoology platform

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<i>Will there be an adjustment to grading again this year due to online learning? Will primary assessments be given? How will the school ensure fairness and support for assessments for all students?</i>	There will not be an adjustment to grading this year as there was last year. The district will continue to use the supportive, secondary, and primary categories. Additionally, the district has adopted minimum grades that teachers must abide by for each of these categories to ensure fair weighting within each of the categories. Primary assessments will be given; however, they must be adjusted and broken into smaller chunks. Common Summative Assessments (CSAs) will not be given during the '20-21 school year.
<i>Will virtual learning be synchronous or asynchronous? Will the students who are virtual being logging in at the same time as the teacher?</i>	In the hybrid schedule, virtual learning will take the form of both synchronous and asynchronous instruction. On the Wednesday virtual day, students and teachers will follow their schedule, log on synchronously through an app such as Zoom, Google Meet, Schoology, etc., and receive synchronous instruction. On the Cohort A or B days, students who are at home will continue to work on the same learning goals as their peers who are in-person; however, they will work asynchronously. It could look like the following: If a parent chooses Cohort V for their child, the student will not be expected to report for in-person days. He or she will work asynchronously on Monday/Tuesday & Thursday/Friday while joining synchronously on Wednesdays following his/her bell schedule.
<i>What training has the high school/middle school provided to educators on teaching to remote populations?</i>	Since the transition to virtual learning, teachers have received various training on synchronous and asynchronous teaching strategies and related apps. This training has continued throughout the summer and will continue into the '20-21 under the support of the Chief Academic Officer, Director of Virtual Instruction and Learning, Department Supervisors, Principals, and various teacher leaders in the district.
<i>My son was accepted into the Interdisciplinary team. How will this work? Will the virtual learning include actual teacher instruction?</i>	Any student on the interdisciplinary team (Team Scholastics) will still remain with the same team of teachers and take the AVID elective. They will, follow the same learning structure of those not on the team with at-home instruction being asynchronous, virtual instruction (Wednesday) being synchronous, and in-person instruction occurring on their designated days.
<i>Will students participating in an academy need to follow any unique instructions?</i>	Students in the Academy Programs will remain cohorted in their core classes; however, they will be split according to their last name. For freshman BLA students, the seminar course will be extended to a full-year course to assist with the integration of DECA-related preparations and the focus on service learning for both Academy programs will be adjusted slightly. Academy Supervisors will be sending Academy specific information to parents and students in the middle of August.
<i>My child is in one of the Academy Programs. What will be the disadvantages and difficulties he may encounter if we choose Cohort V option?</i>	It depends upon your child's ability to self-manage assignments and self-advocate for assistance through the asynchronous option. This will be no different from a student outside the Academy Program.

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<i>How will Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors Courses work in the hybrid and all-virtual options?</i>	Yes, AP and Honors courses will be conducted the same as any other course following the hybrid/virtual or all-virtual options. (For more detailed information on these options, visit our website HERE .)
<i>Will students have access to something similar to the AAP programs?</i>	Yes, students who qualify for AAP (Academic Assistance Program) will be contacted and offered the opportunity for additional tutoring sessions to assist with academic growth.
<i>Will special subjects be offered (i.e. band and art) or will the focus be on core curriculum only.</i>	Yes, special subjects (i.e. electives) will still be offered. We feel the elective courses assist with balancing a student's schedule with core and interest-related courses. Additionally, at the high school, certain electives are graduation requirements. Only a few electives at the high school (CAD, Art of Baking, Global Cuisine, Food & Nutrition) will not run. All other courses will be adapted for the hybrid/virtual environment.
<i>How will music performance classes work? How will students play instruments wearing masks? How will the ensemble practice if they all won't be together?</i>	For instrumental ensembles attending in-person instruction, performance will focus on small ensemble and chamber music, with musicians appropriately spaced within current safety guidelines. Choral ensembles will have the opportunity to sing and learn singing techniques during virtual instruction days. When in person, choral ensemble groups will focus heavily on music theory (note naming, chord building, etc.), sight-reading, and ear training. Across all learning scenarios, instrumental and choral ensembles will also review and evaluate recorded performances, participate in conducting exercises, research music of different time-periods, cultures, etc., and reflect on the meaning of their music making, as well as connecting that meaning to the outside world.
<i>What PE/Health (gym) class will look like?</i>	PE/Health will be conducted fully virtually (asynchronously) during the entire '20-21 school year. Students will be provided assignments and prerecorded videos to access outside the traditional schedule.
<i>How Drivers Ed. will be handled if PE is virtual?</i>	All health classes will be virtual, including 10th grade Driver's Education. Driver's Education will take place during the latter part of the first Semester.
<i>(NEW 9/11/20) What is the status on DECA competitions?</i>	We have been in contact with DECA and they plan to continue with competitions through a virtual format.

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<i>With a shorter school day, what will the class time breakdown be?</i>	Please refer to the school-specific bell schedules posted on our websites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Hybrid Bell Schedule • High School Hybrid Bell Schedule

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<i>When do we have to decide if we want to go with the all virtual option?</i>	We are asking parents to complete the Summer Parent Survey (emailed July 31 st) by August 7 th .
<i>Will students in Cohort V at the middle school be assigned to the same teacher as students in other cohorts?</i>	Yes.
<i>Will the attendance policy be modified?</i>	As defined by State Law, the attendance policy remains the same. However, perfect attendance awards/incentives will be suspended. We hope that by eliminating this incentive any pressure to attend school when not feeling well may be eliminated.
<i>What will the attendance policy look like for students in Cohorts A & B?</i>	Attendance will be taken each day by the teacher and through Schoology (our new learning management system) when students are at home.
<i>Has there been any consideration of slightly expanding the December break so that students could isolate before potentially seeing grandparents for the holidays?</i>	An amended school calendar for the 20-21 school year has been adopted. The district is open to further adjustments throughout the year should conditions warrant changes. However, keep in mind that if we were to extend any recess period, we would have to make up those days elsewhere. Each year school officials are under pressure from parents to “end the school year” as early in June as possible.
<i>Will early release still be offered to seniors?</i>	Yes. Early release will occur at 1:25 p.m. Please plan accordingly when registering for college courses or developing a work schedule. This matter is addressed in the Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020 .
<i>Are there any plans for a freshman orientation, and if so, what are they?</i>	Freshman Transition Camp will be virtual on 8/5/20 & 8/6/20 and Freshman Open House is scheduled for August 26 th . More information will be emailed prior to the events.
<i>Once I choose the hybrid or all-virtual option, can I switch? What is the process?</i>	Parents can change the learning program (Hybrid to All-Virtual, or vice versa) after the school year begins. We are currently establishing criteria to accommodate learning program changes once the school year begins. However, we will not allow for multiple learning program changes and all changes will require approvals. Switching to and from will not be permitted multiple times. This matter is addressed in the Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020 and parents should reach out directly to their child's guidance counselor.

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<i>Is there any way to change my child can switch to cohort A?</i>	Our policy to switch Cohorts will remain relatively inflexible in an effort to maintain balanced cohorts. Should you believe an extenuating circumstance exists, contact the building principal. This matter is addressed in Superintendent's Preliminary School Reopening Schedules Letter - July 23, 2020
<i>Will you have the option to allow students to be in school full time except for Wednesdays?</i>	No. This is not possible when implementing CDC and NJ DOE guidelines. Implementing these guidelines will result in a cohorting system to limit the number of students in the building.
<i>Will you stick with a 4-day schedule or will the kids have every class each day while in school?</i>	Neither school will have a rotating schedule. A student will experience every class each day of in-person instruction and on virtual Wednesdays. Please refer to the school-specific bell schedules posted on our websites. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle School Hybrid Bell Schedule • High School Hybrid Bell Schedule
<i>Will the cohort days be as consistent as possible? For example, cohort A attends in-person on Monday and Tuesday all the time except when holidays interfere?</i>	Yes, they will. However, the district has balanced the days throughout the year to ensure both cohorts will receive equal in-person time. The school calendar outlines cohort days for the year.
<i>Will children have access to teachers and cohorts all week?</i>	Yes. Teachers will have office hours every morning prior to 9:25 am. (For more detailed information on Office Hours, visit our website HERE .)
<i>Will parents be informed of how the school environment will be structured? For example, will students change classrooms, or stay in one room all day? Will they eat in the lunchroom or classroom?</i>	Yes. The district will release a Re-opening plan that will detail all efforts and accommodations being made to cope with this pandemic.
<i>I understand the Middle School is broken down by teams. When the students attend on their scheduled cohort day will they be with the same small group of kids from their team all day in their core classes? Or will they be mixed with different kids all day?</i>	Students will be teamed and share core classes with the team only. Up to three teams can be grouped together for elective classes.
<i>My son is a senior shared time student with Salem. How will this work with that program?</i>	Share-time vocational students will have the option to attend Kingsway, in-person, with their cohort. They may also attend Salem County (SCVTS), twice a week in-person, on the days they are not reporting to Kingsway. Please reach out to your child's case manager for more specific details.

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<i>Is there a date set for reevaluation of the schedule or is this model expected to last the entirety of the school year?</i>	Our intention is to open our schools in September with a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students. However, we are in a very fluid moment, and New Jersey’s plan to reopen schools could change, with little warning, and compel our schools to remain closed. We acknowledge that the state-wide conversation to keep our schools closed is gaining momentum; and, this acknowledgement is an attempt to provide you with ample time to prepare accordingly. At present, the district does not have a set date as things remain very fluid at the state level and we will await further guidance from the DOE. This matter is addressed in the Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020 .
<i>Is there any way to start earlier? What is the basis for the much later start in the school day?</i>	Kingsway worked alongside the sending districts to ensure alignment of the current model for parents and students. Therefore, it will not be possible to adjust. The delayed start allows the district to safely transport students in grades K-12 using the CDC and NJ DOE guidelines. Furthermore, after-school athletics and studies regarding student sleep cycles, helped influence the decision to operate on a delayed opening schedule. As a result, start times will not be adjusted.
<i>Can anyone choose the all virtual option or is this only for students with health conditions?</i>	It will be offered to all students. This matter is addressed in the Superintendent's KR Reopening Plan Update No. 2 - July 31, 2020 and the Summer Parent Survey provides parents with the option to select the “All Virtual” School Option.
<i>Should there be a spike in cases, will all classes change to virtual as they did in the spring?</i>	Kingsway is ready to pivot to a fully virtual learning program should the need arise.
<i>The revised district calendar shows this new hybrid schedule for the entire school year. Is it possible that we could return to full-time in-person instruction at all this year? Or will Kingsway keep the hybrid model for the entire year regardless?</i>	Should conditions permit, Kingsway can pivot to a 5-day a week all in-person school day.
<i>What if your child is in group A but all of his/her friends are in group B will they have to stay like that or can they transfer groups</i>	Cohorts cannot be constructed around peer relationships. There may, however, be some exceptions to this rule as we attempt to balance our cohorts with our elementary schools while ensuring that siblings with different last names are cohorted together. We hope you understand that we will not be able to accommodate parent requests with respect to selecting a desired cohort at this time. Students assigned to Cohort V will be by parent choice. This matter is addressed in Superintendent's Preliminary School Reopening Schedules Letter - July 23, 2020 .

Cohorts/Schedule/School Calendar

Questions	Answers
<i>How do I make sure that my children are in the same cohort?</i>	All the elementary school sending districts and Kingsway have worked closely to align the process so that siblings are scheduled together. Should there be a situation that arises that proves difficult, please reach out to the building principal.
<i>How many students will be assigned to each cohort if every student attend in person? For each cohort, how many students will be in a classroom at a time?</i>	Approximately 900 for each cohort in the High school and 500 for the Middle school. Classroom population can vary between 6-15 students. <i>(Note: The district has classrooms of various sizes, so class population will vary accordingly.)</i>
<i>Will SMART be eliminated due to the shortened day?</i>	SMART at the high school has been suspended while we reopen school in either a Hybrid Learning or Virtual Learning Program.
<i>Are efforts being made to pod kids for core subjects so that the interaction with other students is minimized?</i>	Due to students' unique schedules, placing them in small pods is not possible. However, the middle school utilizes a team approach, which means students will share core classes with their team. In the high school, freshman and sophomore classes are generally relegated to the north end of the building while junior and senior classes are in the south end of the building. When considering, the student population is reduced by approximately half on reporting days and the other accommodations outlined in our Re-Opening plan, Kingsway has minimized contact as best as possible.

Special Education/English Language Learners

Questions	Answers
<i>Will Special Education students and English Language Learners be going to school 4 days a week, or will they follow the A/B cohort of the general student body?</i>	Special education students will follow the A/B cohort of the student body with the exception of self-contained students (STEP Program) and ELL students. Parents of self-contained and ELL students have the option of sending their child 4-days a week.
<i>Will there be an alternate schedule for special education?</i>	No. Special education students will follow the A/B cohort of the student body with the exception of self-contained students (STEP Program).
<i>How will support be provided (virtually) for students with an IEP? What accommodation will be made for students with IEPs?</i>	During virtual instruction, teachers will provide accommodations and modifications to students with disabilities as outlined in their IEPs. Materials will be provided in alternate formats, as appropriate, to facilitate effective communication for students with disabilities. Further, teachers are encouraged to partner with families to work through barriers to learning, provide alternative options for participating in virtual class discussions, use student interests to inform lessons and activities, create video modeling of assignment expectations, and use built-in accessibility features in learning management systems (i.e., heading styles that allow for reading software to navigate from

section to section, ensure no information is conveyed solely by color or sound, use text to speech features and programs such as Learning Ally/audiobooks, provide transcripts/closed-captioning for video/audio, etc.).

Schoology/Technology	
Questions	Answers
<i>Will the school be providing Chromebooks to students who didn't have them this past spring?</i>	Each child can have access to a school provided Chromebook. Please fill out a support ticket here or call 856-467-3300 X4256, and leave a message detailing your name, child's name, address, and call back number.
<i>Will the school invest in working microphones for all teachers to facilitate the challenges of teaching behind a mask?</i>	Not at this time. We will evaluate and add microphones on an as-needed basis if this becomes an issue.
<i>(NEW 9/11/20) How does a parent get a Schoology account?</i>	Parent accounts were generated by the email address on file in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. An email was sent from Schoology titled, "Schoology Registration." If you did not receive an email, please contact our registrar at registrar@krsd.org.
<i>(NEW 9/11/20) Will there be a Kingsway specific recorded tutorial on Schoology?</i>	Yes! Are you interested in signing up for Kingsway's Parent Schoology Tutorial Course and a follow up Live Question and Answer Session? If so, please complete this form no later than Wednesday, September 16.
<i>(NEW 9/11/20) Can my child bring in their personal laptops to school?</i>	Yes! Students may bring in their personal devices, if they choose. However, THIS IS NOT MANDATORY . Our decision to allow students to bring-your-own-device (BYOD) is in response to a number of parents who have expressed concern over sharing technology in fear of spreading the virus. For student personal devices to work, especially with Schoology, devices will need to meet minimum requirements/specifications so that they are flexible enough to meet the needs of classroom performance. BYOD Minimum Requirement data sheet has been made available for dissemination among students, parents and faculty.

Athletics/Clubs/Activities

Questions	Answers
<i>What is the plan for after school activities/clubs and sports at the Middle School and High School?</i>	<p>Middle School: There will be nine activities and/or clubs that will be offered online to the students this fall. Meeting times and dates will be made available to students once school starts this fall. Students interested can log on to a zoom or meet to participate in the club. No after school wellness activities will be offered</p> <p>High School: Athletics - The NJSIAA developed a modified fall season with start and end dates and will do the same for winter and spring sports. When the students are on virtual days they will come after school for practices and/or games and will need to be transported. We are developing a safety plan for our athletes and coaches to follow using the NJSIAA guidelines.</p> <p>High School: Clubs/Activities - We are determining what clubs/activities are still able to be held virtually and will communicate that information shortly. There will not be any club meetings held in person during the school day or after school. The advisor will hold Zoom meetings after school hours.</p>
<i>Will choosing an all virtual learning environment prevent my child from participating in any capacity?</i>	Any child is welcome to join in any activity they are interested in that is offered at this time.
<i>Will there be any changes to the Renaissance program and its requirements?</i>	Since the Renaissance program is a full year program it is hard to say how many changes may occur to the programs reward celebrations that are offered to students that qualify. Some reward celebrations may be modified to coincide with the CDC regulations. Requirements for student cardholders will remain the same except for attendance requirements.

Cleaning/Food Service/Transportation

Questions	Answers
<i>Can you share bus plans?</i>	Transportation will be provided on a daily basis to/from school. Due to the district's revised schedule, and implementation of student cohorts, the number of students riding the bus will be greatly reduced. We anticipate having no more than one student per row in most cases and students will be required to fill the bus from back to front. That will limit occupancy to approximately 22 students. Students will be required to wear a face covering at all times while riding on the bus.
<i>Will there be assigned seating on the buses?</i>	Buses will be loaded from back to front to reduce student contact and, due to our need to engage in contact tracing, students will be expected to sit in the same seat.
<i>(NEW 9/11/20) Do students need to show the Daily Screener to the Driver?</i>	No.

Cleaning/Food Service/Transportation

Questions	Answers
<i>(NEW 9/11/20) Who enforces masks on the bus?</i>	Drivers may remind students to wear masks. However, students who do not comply will be subject to a discipline referral and will be addressed by an administrator. Willful defiance of this health and safety protocol may warrant removal from the school bus.
<i>What are the procedures/checklist for how the buses will be sanitized and who will be certifying that the process will be completed? How will you guarantee that a contracted bus company will follow these procedures/check?</i>	Our school buses will be sanitized after each bus run with the same chemicals being utilized in our classrooms. Our contractors will also be required to abide by our sanitizing protocols and will be mandated to submit a detailed plan as to how they will accomplish. Our transportation supervisor will review the plans from the contractors and ensure compliance.
<i>If afterschool activities continue, will transportation be provided?</i>	The 4:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. buses (activity/athletic buses) will not be offered during the 2020-21 school year.
<i>I have a student at GCIT in addition to 2 at Kingsway, will you also still bus to GCIT?</i>	Yes. Transportation will be provided to/from GCIT as normal.
<i>Concerning the deep cleaning protocol, will there be harsh chemicals continually used on a daily or weekly basis to combat the virus? Have natural disinfectants like rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide been considered as a healthier alternative?</i>	All chemicals utilized by the district for disinfecting/sanitizing are EPA approved. The products being utilized for disinfecting/sanitizing include Q.T. and Suprox D. Additional information on these products is available here .
<i>Can you describe the cleaning protocols in between classes and cohorts?</i>	All classrooms will be outfitted with hand sanitizing stations. In addition, all student desks will be disinfected between each class change and after student lunches (which will occur in classrooms).