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Dear Vernon Parents/Guardians,

I am writing this letter to inform you of some important changes to the district reopening plan. **Effective October 5, the virtual Wednesday model will continue through the first week of November.** Since this means changing day care and work arrangement for many of you, it was important to send this correspondence as soon as I was ready to do so.

There are numerous reasons as to why **one Virtual Instruction day per week** is important:

- One additional cleaning day allows for the wiping down of high touch surfaces such as windows, door frames, door knobs, handles, etc. This cleaning is not redundant
- A virtual instruction day allows for teachers to bring Blue, Gold and Virtual cohorts together via Zoom to facilitate better transition for when all students return
- We have ensured thorough cleaning/disinfecting of school buses
- Virtual days allow for one-to-one instruction for some of our students with special needs
- The Virtual day supports the opportunity for teachers to recharge, plan lessons, check in with students needing assistance, collaborate with colleagues, attend professional development sessions, and prepare for the next phase of Reopening in November.
- Maintaining the Virtual Wednesday allows for consistency with child care and work schedules
- The virtual day allows for tiered instruction, where necessary for students needing assistance
- The virtual day allows for school personnel the opportunity to identify and speak to the parents of students who have failed to check in virtually or who have failed to complete work

The district is still planning to bring Blue and Gold Teams together effective November 9, 2020. There are important surveys that the district is sending to you in order to collect feedback from families both in regards to the successes and challenges of our Reopening in September as well as the future plans to Reopen the Vernon Township School District in November, with specific concern for the health and safety of our staff, students, and community. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Here is the Vernon Township School District schedule for Blue, Gold, and Virtual teams from Monday, September 28 through Friday, November 6. Please note a change during the first week of November due to Election Day and Teachers Convention.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Karen D'Avino

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September

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(Yom Kippur) District Closed	Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	Gold Present (Blue Virtual)	Gold Present (Blue Virtual)

October

5 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	6 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	7 All Students Virtual	8 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)	9 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)
12 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	13 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	14 All Students Virtual	15 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)	16 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)
19 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	20 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	21 All Students Virtual	22 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)	23 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)
26 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	27 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	28 All Students Virtual	29 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)	30 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)

November

2 Blue Present (Gold Virtual)	3 All Students Virtual (Election Day)	4 Gold Present (Blue Virtual)	5 (NJEA Convention) District Closed	6 (NJEA Convention) District Closed
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