VIRTUAL OR REMOTE

INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN

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This plan has been developed in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:7F-9(c). School will be in session for 180 days.

Introduction & Overview

The Closter Public School District is dedicated to educational excellence. In partnership with the family, staff, and community, we are committed to meeting the educational needs of each child by providing the programs and environment necessary to:

- Enable every child to reach full potential;
- Promote self-esteem, respect, responsibility, and appreciation of diversity;
- Develop knowledge, skills, and academic achievement as per the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. (NJSLS);
- Prepare each child for continued education and responsible citizenship;
- Instill a lifelong passion for learningCloster Public School District is committed to fostering and instilling a culture that personalizes learning, prepares students for college, careers, and life, and supports confident, responsible citizenship.

In keeping with Closter's commitment to providing our students with an exceptional education, this Virtual or Remote Learning Plan has been developed to guide the instruction and resources in the case of a school closure lasting more than 3 consecutive days.

Our goal during any school closure will be to maintain the same full-day schedule that would be followed during the regular in-person school day and utilize a Zoom live-stream to provide instruction.

Virtual Day Schedule
Students will follow their regular schedule on virtual days.

Hillside Elementary School	Tenakill Middle School
	Period
Log-in: 8:30-8:35 am	Log-in/Homeroom: 8:30 am
8:35 am - 3:10 pm: Students remain with their classroom teacher, except for specials, PLUS, ELL, related services and special education. Classroom teacher provides instruction in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies.	1: 8:40-9:26 (46 minutes)
	2: 9:28-10:14 (46 minutes)
	3: 10:16-11:02 (46 minutes)
	4: 11:04-11:50 (46 minutes)
	5: 11:52-12:38 (46 minutes)
	6: 12:40-1:26 (46 minutes)
	7: 1:28-2:14 (46 minutes)
	8: 2:16-3:02 (46 minutes)

Hillside Elementary School Lunch Periods:
- Lunch/recess for Grades 3 & 4: 11:30-12:20 (50 minutes)
- Lunch/recess for Grade K: 12:00-12:50 (50 minutes)
- Lunch/recess for Grades 1 & 2: 1-2 12:30-1:20 (50 minutes)

Tenakill Lunch Periods:
- Lunch/Recess for Grades 5 & 6: 11:04-11:50 (46 minutes)
- Lunch/Recess for Grades 7 & 8: 11:52-12:38 (46 minutes)

Total instructional time (minus lunch and recess):
        HES: 5.45 Hours   TMS: 5.36 Hours

What will happen if we have to close in-person learning and pivot to fully virtual learning?

While we do not want to have any school closures, **we are prepared to follow the same school in-person schedule using a virtual format in the event of a full school closure.** To ensure that all students have a device for remote instruction, we will provide a Chromebook to every student who requires one to be able to access learning from home. A device pick-up time will be arranged for any student who will need a Chromebook. If a student does not have Internet access at home, we will provide a WiFi connection for the student.

Food Service and Distribution

Closter has a very small number of free or reduced lunch students and does not have a contracted food service vendor. In order to ensure that free/reduced lunch students can continue to receive the nutritional sustenance necessary, we have established a food account with a local vendor who will provide the necessary meals in accordance with state and federal mandates.

Access to Technology

- All instructional staff members have laptops with which they can provide instruction.
- All students in grades K-8 who require a device for home-use will be provided with a Chromebook.
- Verizon mobile WiFi hotspots are available for students without access to the internet at home.
- Families can access low-cost or no cost internet through the Altice Advantage Program. Families can apply here: https://apply.alticeadvantageinternet.com/main
- All students will use learning platforms that they are already using to sustain instruction: Google classroom, See-Saw, and Schoology.
- Students will be able to receive technical support with devices and exchange of equipment by contacting our Network Administrator, Vincent Salvati, at 201-768-3001, ext. 41134 or salvati@nvnet.org. Equipment exchange will be available regardless of building closure.

Delivery of Fully-Virtual or Remote Learning

The need for virtual or remote learning may vary throughout the school year. 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 directive by the health department or officer to institute a public health-related closure. We may need to pivot to remote learning for students who are required to quarantine. We may need to pivot a

whole class to remote learning if the teacher needs to quarantine but can teach remotely or if there are several positive cases in one classroom. We may need to pivot to fully-virtual learning if there is a school-wide outbreak or if the Governor issues an executive order.

Fully-Virtual Learning

If there is a pivot to fully-virtual learning, teachers will provide students with a Zoom link to access their classes. Teachers will provide instruction daily using the 2021-2022 in-person period schedule.

Remote Learning for Quarantine

Students who require quarantine due to COVID-19 (testing positive, exposure to a person who tested positive or after travel for the unvaccinated) may access a live-stream of in-person instruction. The school nurse and/or principal will approve remote learning for eligible students and will provide Zoom links for classes.