

# HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear High Point Community,

The COVID-19 pandemic has been more challenging than anyone anticipated; many members of the High Point community have suffered greatly. Our thoughts and sympathies remain with those most deeply impacted by the pandemic. Thankfully, the NJDOH COVID-19 data for our region ([www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/)) has indicated a drop in COVID activity in recent weeks. This is welcome news, and we are hopeful that this trend continues, enabling us to continue to gradually expand in-person activities. I am pleased to announce that we are currently planning for a shift in our schedule from our existing half-day schedule, to a full-day schedule. We will continue to evaluate regional COVID activity, as well as our facility's ability to support this change. An announcement regarding whether or not we will make this adjustment will be made by **March 19, 2021**.

In December, High Point sent a survey to all parents, inviting them to choose the preferred cohort option for their children (two days per week; four days per week; fully virtual). [Your feedback enabled us to personalize student schedules, accommodate parental preferences](#) and increase in-person student attendance.

As we continue to carefully plan for the future, we would like to once again provide all parents with the opportunity to indicate an attendance preference for the fourth marking period (April 12-June 15).

## ATTENDANCE

In order to effectively plan for full-day, in-person learning, we need to clarify which students will be following which cohort (two days, four days, fully virtual). **Every student at High Point will be able to remain in their existing cohort. We are asking ALL parents to give careful consideration to their students' cohort choice, and if they wish to request a change in cohort, to complete this brief survey by Friday, March 12, 2021.**

Attendance Survey: <https://forms.gle/4VCDyYDZj6oSGCbN9>

## FULL DAY of SCHOOL

On Monday, April 12, when school resumes following Spring Recess, High Point hopes to utilize a full-day schedule for in-person learning, with classes running from 7:35-2:27, and lunch being served for all students. Students will remain in one of three cohorts (two days; four days; fully virtual); Wednesday's will remain virtual so as to maintain our current deep cleaning protocols, as well as to maintain schedule continuity.

High Point has already begun to plan for providing a socially distant setting in which students and staff can eat lunch. Although there will continue to be some instances during classroom instruction when students will be seated closer than six feet apart, all students will be kept socially distant while eating lunch.

High Point is deeply committed to the wellbeing of all students and to the paramount role parents play in deciding what is best for their children. We are extremely pleased to be able to support parental choice while continuing to implement fastidious safety protocols. The health, safety and well-being of all students continues to be our priority.

Sincerely,



Scott D. Ripley, Ed.D.