



# EAST RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the final weeks of the 2019-2020 school year, we are seeing a shift in how educating our students has taken place. Unfortunately, we are still awaiting guidance for the upcoming school year, and are starting to look at options to provide a continuous high-quality remote education for our students. In order to determine the use of a virtual platform to provide real-time and high quality instruction in the future, starting on June 1st, we will be integrating live instruction using either Zoom or Google Meet.

We are hoping that the piloting of these virtual platforms beginning June 1st will bring a positive experience for our students while providing us with pertinent data to inform our remote learning instruction moving forward. With that in mind, as we begin to implement teacher lessons and incorporate different strategies, teachers will be able to provide the District feedback which will be extremely important to us. This will be a learning process for all, and based on feedback, changes will be made accordingly.

In ensuring, fidelity of implementation, the District will be following the minimum blocks of time for different grade levels to engage in live virtual instruction weekly. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K & KDG: ELA and Math - 2 times per week for a minimum of 10 minutes of live instruction for each session.
- Grades 1-2: ELA and Math - 2 times per week for a minimum of 15 minutes of live instruction each session.
- Grades 3-4: ELA and Math - 2 times per week for a minimum of at least 20 minutes of live instruction for each session.
- For all Pre-K to 4th Grade: Please close the last 5 minutes with a fun social emotional share/activity once per week to end your ELA or Math lesson.

**Middle School:** Two subject classes each day.

- ELA and Science (Monday/Wednesday): at least 30 minutes of live instruction
- Math and Social Studies (Tuesday/Thursday): at least 30 minutes of live instruction
- Spanish 7th & 8th Grade (Wednesday/Friday): at least 30 minutes of live instruction

As we want this to be a success for all students, we are asking all parents/guardians where students are not allowed to have camera access to please follow-up with their child's teacher via email to allow your child/children to be part of this live instruction experience.

Thank you again for your continued support, hard work and dedication throughout this process.

Sincerely,

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