



# Public Schools of Plainfield New Jersey

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Dear Plainfield Public School Administrators, Teachers, and Staff:

A Special Welcome Back and Thank you for Choosing Plainfield Public Schools! We will continue focus on our two goals established in July of 2019:

1. To Improve our School Culture and Climate; and
2. To Build Principal and Teacher Leadership Capacity.

To the new teachers – *Thank you for choosing Teaching as your Legacy.* To our returning Staff – Thank you for continuing to serve as Champions for Students and believing in the Possibility of Plainfield to be Great Beyond Measure!

During our Annual Leadership Retreat, our theme was “Leadership and Legacy.” We focused on the “Heart ♥ Work” of Teaching and Learning and how we each will leave a legacy in Plainfield on how we encouraged and inspired the brilliant minds of our students.

As mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Governor of New Jersey, we will officially return to full-day “in-person” learning on **Thursday, September 9, 2021**, the first day of school for students and the start of the 2021-22 school year. I am looking forward to seeing classrooms beautifully decorated and welcoming for our students. I would like to emphasize that the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. We will follow *The Road Forward Health and Safety Guidance* plan outlined by the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey Department of Health for the opening of schools.

**ATTACHED** is a document for Reporting Times for September 1, 2, 3, & 8 (*teachers only*); TAs should report during their normal school hours. Faculty Meeting Day is September 7.

**9/1 Convocation will be VIRTUAL** - All staff must report to their building site to view in one location directed by the building administrator.

You may also utilize your **District's Google Login** to access the weekly schedule [HERE](#) –

**Please use your district google login to access this link:**

[September 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 Schedule](#)

Additionally, the District will hold two “Town Hall” meetings to provide information to all stakeholders about COVID-19 Procedures on:

August 31, 2021 at Plainfield High School at 6:30 p.m.  
for **Parents and Guardians**

Click Link [HERE](#) for additional information

[http://p12cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_520401/File/21-22%20Banner%20Files/flyer%20town%20hall\\_83121.pdf](http://p12cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_520401/File/21-22%20Banner%20Files/flyer%20town%20hall_83121.pdf)

September 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for **Teachers and Staff**

As we begin this year, I am asking everyone to please take care of yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally so you're equipped to teach and take care of our most valuable assets – the children and families of Plainfield. The children need us more than ever before – educationally, socially, and emotionally -- as they transition back into our buildings. Collectively, we must all Co-Labor on behalf of the students and families of Plainfield.

According to Warren Buffett, *“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”* To the Plainfield Teachers and Staff – What kinds of trees are you planting for the students and families of Plainfield Public Schools? What kind of legacy will you leave for the students?

Have a fantastic school year and looking forward to seeing you bright and early on September 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

Diana Mitchell, Ed.D.  
Chief Schools Administrator  
*A Champion for Students*