



Public Schools of Plainfield

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**PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REOPEN VIRTUALLY
FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Students and Teachers will sign-on at 9:00 a.m. to begin online distance learning and instruction

Plainfield, NJ – September 9, 2020 – Plainfield Public Schools will open the new school year of 2020-2021 with virtual ‘online’ instruction for its students. Rather than being in a classroom, the teachers and the students will sign-on to their computers from their own location and communicate during the entire learning day.

The students will be utilizing various educational applications where teachers will be able to post their lesson as well as collect homework and provide the students support and feedback.

The District provided all the students with devices and where it was necessary with MiFis to assist them and their families to connect via the internet. Almost all the 8,500 students in grades K-12 will be communicating electronically with their teachers via their computers.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Diana Mitchell welcomed the students and their parents via a videotaped message where she said, “As, we begin our new school year, I want you to know that you are not alone and although we are not able to see each other physically - we will be here to support you for the duration of our virtual instruction and for the remainder of the school year—whatever the situation may be—every teacher and staff member is here to support you.” Dr. Mitchell added that distance learning is difficult and specially for students. She said that as a former teacher she understands the special touch an encouraging word from a teacher is to a student, “If only this was our current reality.”

Dr. Mitchell will be communicating regularly via videos and taped messages to the District to provide regular updates to the staff, students and parents. She urged everyone to keep connected via the internet and to visit the district website regularly.

The entire online instructional program including schedules, policies and mental and safety resources are available on the district website at www.plainfieldnj.k12.org.

Students and staff with technical difficulties will receive special attention via schools “vanguards” or dedicated staff who will be at the ready to assist them. Students are being encouraged to communicate

with their teachers and instructors to let them know if they are experiencing any problems or challenges during this distance learning period.

For technical difficulties with Schoology or google accounts students should send email to schoolgysupport@plainfield.k12.nj.us.

The Plainfield School District services students at nine elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and 16 daycare centers.

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