Dear Glen Ridge School Community:

Friday afternoon, Governor Murphy released the New Jersey Department of Education’s “The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education.” The document outlines four key areas for consideration:

1. Conditions for Learning
2. Leadership and Planning
3. Policy and Funding
4. Continuity of Learning

In his announcement, the Governor stressed that he and Department of Education Commissioner Repollet have made the health and safety of our students and staff a priority. This was an important message to us all and aligns with what we have focused on as a district since March. It will guide us as we go forward.

The district’s leadership team and our reopening subcommittees will be reviewing “The Road Back” and using its recommendations and guidelines as guidance for our fall 2020 reopening planning.

The COVID-19 crisis has humbled us all. I know that there is much emotion and many questions associated with the course of the pandemic and the return to school. Because of that, it is critically important that we rely on and develop plans around science. Those of us who lead districts and work in our schools are educators. We are not public health experts. We need the assistance of and recommendations from those who have this expertise in order to create effective plans centered on the health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and everyone whose lives touch our schools and school community.

The Glen Ridge Public School District is committed to developing September reopening plans that are flexible and adaptive, using the DOE parameters to meet the unique and diverse needs of our families. As the process moves forward, I will provide you with regular updates and seek your feedback.

Please continue to stay safe and be well as continue on the journey to school reopening.

Sincerely,

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