



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

## LAURA H. CARNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kindergarten - Grade 2 Families,

Welcome back to school!

I am excited to inform you that beginning the week of Monday, April 5th, your child will be returning to in-person instruction (in a hybrid model) for the first time in almost a year! As you know, this is a unique time and we will all be learning together! I know I can count on each of you to support our process!

Here are some important points to be aware of as we transition to in-person instruction:

### **Scheduling**

- During our hybrid model, a group of children (Cohort A) will have school in person on Monday/Tuesday and then learn virtually Wednesday/Thursday/Friday. Another group of students (Cohort B) will be in person on Thursday/Friday and learning virtually on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday. You will be notified by your child's teacher which day your child will be attending in person, as well as about any updated scheduling information. It is important that your child attends on the assigned day to help adhere to school health and safety protocols.
- We will begin our school day at 8:30 a.m. Students may be dropped off and enter through the school yard beginning at 8:25 a.m. They will be socially distanced and lined up by class within the schoolyard. Their teacher will pick them up there at 8:30 a.m.
- Asynchronous work will begin at 2:15 p.m. but the school day will officially end at 3:09 p.m.
- There will be a staggered dismissal in order to support social distancing. Students will be escorted outside by their teacher and you will be notified of the specific location for your child's pick up. You will also be asked to complete a form indicating who your child will be picked up by each day.

### **Health and Safety**

- Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness such as a fever, sore throat, cough, etc.

- Frequent hand washing will be a routine during the school day, and hand sanitizer is available in every classroom as well as throughout the building.
- Throughout the course of the day, your child will be expected to wear a mask and remain socially distanced from their classmates and teacher.
- The School District has developed a strict visitor policy and visitors will not be permitted in the building without a prior appointment. A copy of the visitor's policy is attached to this letter. We know that this protocol is stringent, but it is developed to ensure the safety of our students and staff. [Visitor Protocol.docx](#)
- If your child is absent from school, please send them with an excuse note when they return, or text/email a copy of the note to your child's teacher.

**Breakfast and Lunch**

- Breakfast will be provided inside of the classroom.
- Lunch will be served in the lunchroom in a socially distanced manner and students will have an opportunity to participate in modified recess.

While we are immensely excited to return to in-person learning, the safety of your child and our entire school family is our number one priority. Please join us in following all health and safety protocols so we can safely continue in-person instruction!

Looking forward to seeing you soon! Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Hilderbrand Pelzer III, Principal