



Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District Timeline

- **June 26:** Governor Murphy releases [“The Road Back”](#) guidance requiring public schools to open for in-person instruction with no option for remote-only.
- **July 6:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) informing parents that work is underway on pandemic response teams, the district restart committee, and reopening guideline principles. It names the week of July 20 as the start of the plan finalization and the 1st week of August as an estimate for the release of the reopening plan.
- **July 16:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District begins a school reopening planning survey based on Governor Murphy’s guidance requirements.
- **July 24:** Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) allowing the remote-option for at-risk students only.
- **July 26:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) detailing the results of survey and outlining the ongoing local reopening planning process.
- **July 29:** Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) about screening, PPE, and response to symptomatic students.
- **August 2:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases a [letter](#) detailing the proposed daily schedule structure of the hybrid model and busing details.
- **August 3:** Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) about transportation and PPE.
- **August 3:** DOE releases a checklist schools need to meet by reopening date. https://nj.gov/education/reopening/DOE_HealthandSafety.pdf
- **August 7:** Governor Murphy releases a [supplemental guideline](#) about in-school meal service for 2020-2021.
- **August 7:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases its [58-page reopening guidance document](#) and 5-page [FAQ. Updated](#) as of August 18, 2020.
- **August 7:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District opens a survey asking parents for a decision on cohort or virtual model for their children.
- **August 11:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District holds a virtual meeting on the restart plan for parents of elementary grades.
- **August 12:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District holds a virtual meeting on the restart plan for parents of middle & HS grades.
- **August 13:** Governor Murphy signs [Executive Order 175](#) requiring schools to open for in-person instruction but permitting entire districts to go remote-only if they can’t meet the June 26 guidance/August 3 checklist.
- **August 14:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends a [letter](#) announcing district will begin as virtual-only, based on previous day’s Executive Order, citing the District’s inability to meet updated 7/17 ASHRAE HVAC requirements. <https://www.ashrae.org/file%20library/technical%20resources/covid-19/ashrae-reopening-schools-and-universities-c19-guidance.pdf>
- **August 23:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends a [letter](#) with information regarding HVAC, timelines, guidance and FAQ’s.
- **August 25:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District holds a Virtual Town Hall session for questions regarding the virtual-only opening.



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- **September 10:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases updated [FAQs](#).
- **September 16:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases [letter](#) identifying Environmental Safety Management Corporation and EI Associates to perform ventilation assessments throughout the district.
- **October 8:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases [letter](#) regarding districtwide ventilation assessment summary and schedule for phasing in students utilizing the hybrid model.
- **October 8:** Updated [Restart Plan](#).
- **October 8:** Return to school survey.
- **October 22:** Pre-K students begin hybrid instruction.
- **October 22:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District releases [letter](#) with return to school survey results and updates regarding the ventilation assessment.
- **October 26:** Kindergarten – 1st grade begins hybrid instruction.
- **November 2:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District launches [communication survey](#)
- **November 7:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [letter](#) regarding COVID-19 positive cases at McGinn Elementary School.
- **November 15:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [letter](#) regarding district shifting to remote instruction until January 15, 2021.
- **November 24:** [Video message](#) from Dr. Mast.
- **December 12:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [notice](#) regarding return of school dependent students on December 15.
- **December 14:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District emails district about upcoming winter weather conditions.
- **December 16:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [updated email](#) regarding winter weather conditions and remote single session day on December 17th.
- **December 23:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends a [message](#) to the district regarding return to hybrid model on January 14 and January 19, 2021.
- **January 7:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [letter](#) regarding events at the Capitol.
- **January 12:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [letter](#) with information about return to hybrid model on January 14 and January 19, 2021 along with health and safety protocol reminders.



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- **January 18:** Dr. Mast and the Board of Education sends [letter](#) to Governor Murphy requesting to expedite vaccines for teachers.
- **January 31:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [letter](#) regarding February 1st instruction and single session schedule.
- **February 4:** Dr. Mast and Dr. McGarry sends [letter](#) to school district celebrating Black History Month.
- **February 18:** Dr. Mast posts opening [statement](#) from the February 18th Board Meeting.
- **February 25:** Dr. Mast posts opening [statement](#) from the February 25th Board Meeting.
- **March 1:** Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District sends [letter](#) regarding next steps towards opening schools.
- **March 19:** Dr. Mast and Dr. McGarry sends [letter](#) to school district denouncing violence against Asian American and Pacific Island communities and commitment to providing safe, welcoming and affirming schools for all members of our diverse community.
- **April 9:** Dr. Mast sends [letter](#) regarding two important updates: extending Memorial Day weekend with two remaining unused emergency days and updated travel guidance.
- **April 28:** Dr. Mast sends [letter](#) regarding Elementary Schools opening to a full day schedule on May 17, 2021.
- **May 12:** Dr. Mast sends a [video](#) to the school community regarding Elementary Schools opening to a full day schedule on May 17th , Middle School Schools opening to a full day schedule on June 2nd and planning for students P-12 back full days in September 2021.
- **May 19:** Dr. Mast sends [SWIFT K-12 notification](#) with District Covid-19 Updates for Staff and Students regarding masks and travel in response to [Governor Murphy's](#) most recent announcement.