



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DCPS 2020-2021 – Updates to Term 2 Planning

#Reopen Strong Term 2 Telephone Townhall

November 2020

Thank You for Joining Us

Thank you to our teachers, staff, students, families and community partners for a strong start to the school year!



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DCPS Planning Principles

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLANNING PRINCIPLES



Prioritizing safety through robust protocols



Maximizing learning in school or at home



Promoting equity for every student

Term 2 Update

Our Commitment: DC Public Schools has a responsibility to provide every student with an equitable, rigorous, and joyful education — no matter if they are learning at home or learning in school.

Term 2 Update: While we planned to offer in-person learning at the start of Term 2 for select elementary school students, this timeline will need to be adjusted. **All students will now continue Term 2 on Monday, November 9 with learning at home.**

Why: We commit to supporting our students, families, teachers, and staff in our urgent mission to safely reopen schools. We recognize many in our community expressed concerns about #ReopenStrong plans, and we will use this moment to adjust our timeline and staffing plans for reopening.

Path Forward: We are still taking steps to [prepare our buildings for safe reopening](#) and will connect with families who are matched with seats for one of our in-person learning options on next steps.

Prioritizing Virtual Learning in a Classroom (CARE Classrooms)

Learning Model



Students learn virtually with their teacher and class online.

- Students spend their day at school with a group of their peers.
- Students will have the opportunity to safely socialize with their peers during breaks, recess, and lunch.
- Supervision and support is provided by a caring adult.
- Breakfast and lunch are provided.

Staffing

- DCPS instructional and support staff
- Partner staff (e.g. DC Gov and community-based organizations)

Staff Role



- ✓ Maintain a positive learning environment for students.
- ✓ Support students with accessing learning materials online.
- ✓ Provide additional support for students who need individualized attention.
- ✓ Ensure health and safety protocols are followed.
- ✓ Facilitate safe arrival, transitions, and dismissal.
- ✓ Maintain ongoing communication with families.

Qualifications

- ☐ Active background check, including fingerprinting and TB screen
- ☐ High School diploma and 24 hours college credit (minimum)
- ☐ Preferred: Experience working with children (particularly for grades PK-2).

Prioritizing Safety

It has always been our commitment to support our students, families, teachers, and staff in our urgent mission to safely reopen schools.

This responsibility has been at the center of our many discussions with parents, teachers and students around safely reopening schools and is reflected in our **more than \$31 million investment in safety measures for schools**, including \$3.6 million for additional PPE, \$4.5 million in building readiness, and \$24 million toward [HVAC enhancements](#).



Ensuring Building Readiness Together

Ketcham ES

School Checklists

DCPS SCHOOL BUILDING READINESS CHECKLIST

School **KETCHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Operations Plan Complete

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Hygiene Supplies

- ☒ General PPE (masks and face shields) for students and staff
- ☒ Enhanced PPE (gloves, gowns, and shoe covers) for staff
- ☒ Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes

HVAC Enhancements

- Yes** MERV-13/MERV-14 filter compatible?
- ☒ MERV-13/MERV-14 filter ready
- ☐ Portable HEPA filters placed

Plumbing Systems

- ☒ Sink maintenance, specifically to ensure hot-water delivery
- ☒ Toilet maintenance

Work orders impacting safe opening and operations

DCPS and DGS are prioritizing and addressing plumbing, HVAC, and life safety work orders

Ward 8 Grades Served PK3-5

Address 1919 15th St SE

Cleaning Supplies and Procedures

- ☒ Return-to-school deep cleaning
- ☒ Daily enhanced cleaning procedures
- ☒ Cleaning supplies

Socially-Distant Space Arrangements

- ☒ Classrooms
- ☒ Hallways and staircases
- ☒ Staff spaces, including reception and security areas

Water Access

- ☒ Fountain spouts turned off
- ☒ Bottle fillers or water coolers

Signage

- ☒ Arrival spaces, hallways, and classrooms

Version
10/29/2020

STATUS ☒ Complete ☐ In Progress



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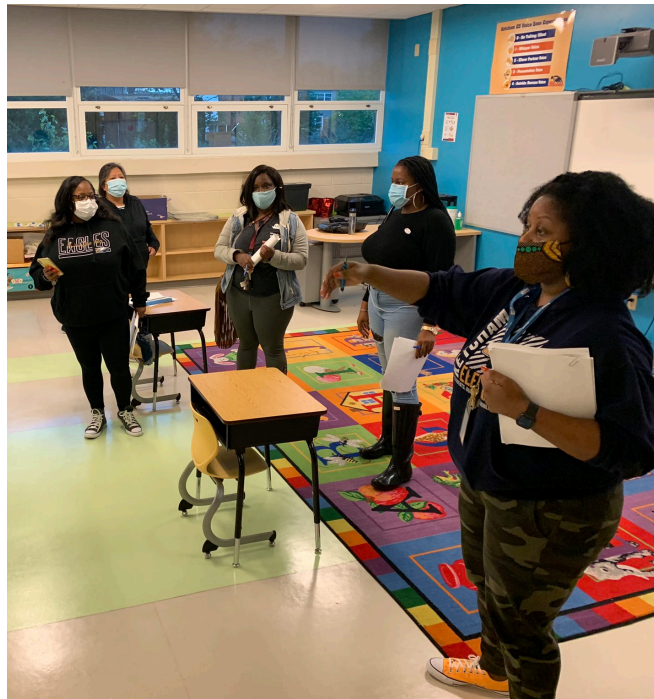
Elementary school principals will continue leading safety walkthroughs this week with members of their community to show first-hand how buildings are ready to welcome back students and staff.

We are **increasing transparency** and posting online:

1. School Building Reopening Plan
2. School Building Readiness Checklists

Building Readiness in Action

During building walkthroughs, community members will use a detailed version of the checklist to note their observations on how a school is getting ready to safely reopen and better understand what the reopening operations plan means for students and staff in Term 2.



Hearing From You



In partnership with Trendency Research, DCPS is launching a new family survey to hear from our families regularly throughout the next few months.



Learn more at DCPSReopenStrong.com