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## Reopening Self-Assessment

In February 2021, the Murphy Administration (Administration) announced *The Road Forward*, a series of coordinated PK-12 education policy initiatives to identify and address the academic and mental health impacts of COVID-19 on New Jersey students, educators, and school districts. With summer here and school communities closing out an unprecedented school year, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is expanding upon *The Road Forward* by adding to that compendium of resources a detailed, actionable self-assessment guide for planning for fulltime, in-person instruction in fall 2021.

Governor Murphy has made clear that schools will provide full-day, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year. To support that effort, the NJDOE and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) have issued additional health and safety guidance for the 2021-2022 school year to ensure that the return to pre-pandemic school operations does not come at the expense of our public health.



*The Road Forward: Reopening Self-Assessment* is designed to assist LEAs in planning the 2021-2022 school year. Using this tool as a guideline will help LEAs access information, implement tools and resources, and determine areas where targeted technical assistance will support the return to full in-person learning.

The NJDOE would like to thank education stakeholders across the state for contributing to the content of this document, as well as for their ongoing collaboration in *The Road Forward*. Recognizing the importance of broad stakeholder input, the NJDOE encourages LEAs to reconvene school community members through various stages of planning for the full return to in-person instruction in the fall.

NJDOE remains committed to providing the support necessary for the safe reopening of schools for the 2021-2022 school year.



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