



## South Bay Junior Academy Reopening Plan 2020/2021

Dear Families:

The existing public health crisis will make the 2020-2021 school year, a year requiring meticulous planning to ensure the spiritual, academic, physical, and emotional well-being of our students. As a school led by Seventh-day Adventist principles, we understand that God is our ultimate deliverer and comforter during this time. We pray that we may lead with wisdom, strength, humility and grace.

School reopening guidelines were recently published by New York State. Upon reviewing these guidelines as well as health guidelines set by the CDC, following is the working scenario for safely reopening the South Bay Junior Academy campus. After having reviewed student/family needs and conducted a room by room, space by space analysis of the campus to determine occupancy limits (inclusive of six-foot physical distance CDC and New York state requirements), the following evolving plan will serve as a guide.

### Delivery of Instruction:

- South Bay Junior Academy will open for on campus instruction, if New York State schools are permitted to reopen. The school will remain open for as long as it is safe and/or permitted by New York State.
- The needs of students and parents will be met by offering both an on campus and remote delivery of instruction. Families can decide which option is best suited to their families.
- School will follow the traditional hours of instruction of 8:30am to 3pm Monday to Thursday and on Fridays 8:30AM to 1:00PM.
- Non-traditional methods will be included in order to adequately serve online students as well as on campus students -- with upgrades in technology, including providing all students with Chromebooks and additional enhancements to technology used.

### Healthy and Safety Off Campus:

- Health and safety will begin at home. All staff and families will be asked to check their personal health prior to traveling to the campus. If there is an indicator of illness, the staff member and/or student must remain at home.

### Healthy and Safety on Campus:

- On campus occupancy will be limited to 50 persons –students, staff, local resource teachers.
- Social distancing at six feet apart will be implemented throughout the campus.
- An abundance of school cleaning supplies will be available on campus.

- During school hours access to the campus will be limited ONLY to teachers, school staff, and students. No parents or caregivers will be allowed in the building to drop off, for meetings or bill pay. The only exception for access is for a parent or caregiver to pick up a sick child.
- Masks must be worn by all who enter the building for the duration of being in any campus building.
- A daily pre-arrival screening for all teachers, school staff, and students upon entering the building, including temperature check using touchless thermometers and supervised handwashing/sanitizing before proceeding to classrooms.
- Hand-sanitizing stations will be provided at all entrances and will be required.
- Touchless faucets and paper towel dispensers will be installed in all restrooms.
- Occupancy rules and schedules will be posted and closely monitored for bathroom use. However, no student with an emergency will be denied access.
- The principal's office will serve as the sick bay for students to await pick up. This will limit exposure and be as close to the main exit for pick-up.
- Free-standing electronically enhanced HEPA air purifiers will be used in all classrooms throughout the day and cleaned regularly to assist with better air filtration.
- Windows will be kept open wherever and whenever possible.
- Hallways will have directional marking for school travel.
- Directional distancing and occupancy signage throughout the school.

#### Healthy and Safety in Classrooms

- Classroom desks will be arranged in grid patterns, spaced six feet apart and all facing the same direction.
- Removal of any unnecessary items to maximize space and minimize additional surfaces to be cleaned.
- Student desks, chairs, and personal belongings to be cleaned daily by students.
- After every subject, students will be taken outside for 5 minutes of fresh air. Umbrellas will be on the school supply list to facilitate even in the event of inclement weather. Female students will be allowed to wear uniform pants as additional protection from inclement and cold weather.
- Thirty minutes at the end of every school day will be dedicated to students packing up and cleaning of personal student spaces.
- Lunch will be served in classrooms. Sandwich and cold lunches will be encouraged to avoid microwave/heating contact.
- Students will be responsible for bringing drinking water to school in large water bottles. Water coolers will not be used. The water bottle MUST be taken home daily for cleaning.

#### Mental Health on Campus

- Strengthen relationships with staff in order to cultivate a positive work environment.
- Develop and continue to enhance a supportive environment for students and families.
- Student mental health will be addressed through counseling, motivational activities, and as part of the Bible, physical educations and health class curriculums.
- Student mental health resources will include prayer, Bible, books, videos, online resources, counselors, pastors, social workers, college graduates, retirees, Youth Department members --via ZOOM.
- Staff mental health will be addressed through seminars, counseling, motivational activities, and as part of the Bible, physical education, and health class curriculums.

- Staff mental health resources will include prayer, Bible, books, videos, online resources, seminars and counseling provided by the Greater New York Conference, Atlantic Union Conference, and North Atlantic Division --via ZOOM.

#### Student Learning / Students with Special Needs:

- Hybrid in-person student learning will be available for all students with the option of on campus or distance learning.
- Services for students with IEPs and any special needs will continue on campus.
- Chromebooks will be provided to every student to ensure that all have access to online platforms and resources.
- A continuity of learning will be available should schools close in response to any public health crisis.
- Morning devotion and Bible class will serve as learning and community time to promote positive conversations and sharing towards a healthy well-being and mindset.
- All assessments at school, Conference, state levels will be online.
- Student resources will be kept at home (remote learners) or school (onsite learners) and most homework will be online to limit cross-contamination of materials.
- Students will have individual materials for all resources and supplies to eliminate sharing.
- Students will receive daily and rigorous instruction that meet the standards set by the school curriculum.
- Appropriate units of study will be provided to ensure that students achieve learning standards.
- Individualized project and theme-based activities will continue across all grades and subjects to enhance the learning experience and reinforce concepts. Digital and non-digital options will be developed.
- Digital –chapel, field trips and travel excursions; fairs; and special events/activities to boost student spirit and morale.
- Outdoor physical education for on campus students.

As we endeavor to meet the academic needs of our students with this evolving guide, we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. There is not a perfect scenario for any of us. Working together with respect and compassion, we can experience a school year that is productive, fun, and successful. Together, let us a, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

*The Bible Our Guide. Forward in His Name.*

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