

LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOSSES

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SEPTEMBER'S RETURN TO SCHOOL



Planning now could prevent avoidable incidents as we get back to more widespread in-person learning for the first time in 18 months.
We do not propose to have the formula as to how things should be setup for success in September, but starting those conversations now is imperative.

SHAKE OFF THE RUST

- Plan for the fact that staff, students and their parents will be “out of practice” with what normally made a school day go smoothly, pre-pandemic. You also have new staff, students and parents that have never taken part in “normal” in-person learning.
- Planning now will help shake the rust off of those things that people will forget how to do, such as teachers not standing on chairs and desks to get their rooms ready, or parents dropping off their children properly, or building staff keeping the premises safe from trip/slip and fall dangers such as after rainstorms.

CONSIDER THOSE THINGS YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD TO CONSIDER

- How has isolation affected staff and students?
- A deadly disease along with political and social unrest became a major part of our daily lives.
- We are all subject to cognitive distortion which can change our thought processes and is brought on by isolation and anxiety.
- Making patience and empathy apparent throughout the planning and implementation for the return of full, in-person learning, will show that the District puts staff, students, parents and community first and endeavors to make things as safe and welcoming as possible .