



UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

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Mrs. Gwendolyn S. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear UCVTS Community,

I am writing in response to the August 18 community letter from the Union County Vocational-Technical Education Association (UCVTEA). Included with that communication was a checklist produced by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) regarding school reopening plans. Also included with that letter was a list of 123 questions presented by association members. Please find linked below answers to each of these questions.

<https://www.ucvts.tec.nj.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2102&dataid=1722&FileName=UCVTEA%20Question%20Response%208.19.2020.pdf>

The UCVTS Pandemic Restart and Recovery Plan was presented to the Board and approved at the August 6, 2020 Board of Education meeting. That evening, links to the plan and presentation were communicated to families, along with instructions and next steps. These resources can also be found at the conclusion of the letter.

Our restart and recovery plan was submitted, as per required processes, to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) on Monday August, 10, 2020. We received notification on Wednesday, August 19th 2020 that our plan contained all of the necessary requirements as outlined by the NJDOE. No edits or requests for additional information were recommended. Please find linked below the NJDOE checklist which outlines requirements of all District Restart and Recovery Plans. Link: https://www.nj.gov/education/reopening/DOE_HealthandSafety.pdf

Throughout the planning process, it has been our intention and action to create the safest and most meaningful learning environment possible for our students and our staff. Our plan meets and well surpasses Department of Education requirements. In just over a month, our district created a plan which accomplishes the short term safe return to school, which allows for transitions to and from remote learning - should circumstances require it, and which plans for an educational experience that will benefit our students long beyond the pandemic. The plan allows for choice for families, provides a process for reasonable accommodations for staff and offers significant support and resources for teachers while in a hybrid learning model. We are confident in both the work, and the plan. We look forward to the start of another school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwendolyn S. Ryan".

Gwendolyn S. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

UCVTS Restart and Recovery Plan:

<https://www.ucvts.tec.nj.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2102&dataid=1711&FileName=UCVTS%20District%20Pandemic%20Restart%20and%20Recovery%20Plan%20-%20Full%20Plan.pdf>

UCVTS Restart and Recovery Plan Presentation to the Board of Education:

<https://www.ucvts.tec.nj.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=2102&dataid=1712&FileName=UCVTS%20Pandemic%20Restart%20and%20Recovery%20Plan%20-%20Powerpoint%20Slideshow.pdf>

UCVTS Restart and Recovery Plan Screencast of Presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYKDT5eAtxs&feature=youtu.be>

UCVTS FAQ – Restart and Recovery Plan:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xOVkD_O8wu6OX8rSYvK8Uk54jYAMqn7OgvIMiKFoe-8/edit