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Due to the pandemic, this past year has brought the largest challenge in recent years to the Long Beach Island School District. With this, the Long Beach Island Board of Education, Long Beach Island Health Department, staff members and parents worked together through the Spring and Summer of 2020 to develop a comprehensive plan for students to "restart" in-person and virtual learning beginning September 2020.



The Restart and Recovery and Pandemic Team committees met throughout the summer and fall 2020. Based on the survey(s) information from the school community, Spring and Summer 2020, Administration and Staff made a significant step in the process to bring students back to school in-person and virtual. The Long Beach Island Health Department provided up to date information along with a site to visit to assist in our reopening. Throughout the

Spring and Summer 2020, administration held several reopening forums that evolved to both virtual and in-person orientations for parents to begin the new school year.

We are excited to report that with all of the guidelines in place we continue to move forward. Staff members have worked creatively to educate students with new safety protocols in place. Students have been involved in learning in outdoor spaces like the school gardens. Outdoor presentations have allowed students to learn from members of the local community. Technology has played an integral part in the virtual and in-person learning process. Virtual assemblies have given students the opportunity to connect with authors around the country. Implementation of the individualized learning program i-Ready has allowed students to challenge themselves academically each day.

Our staff, families and community members were provided with multiple letters and communications through our blackboard connect, and district contacts in order to provide a way to share in feedback. Other methods of communication included community presentations, and weekly updates from administration.

