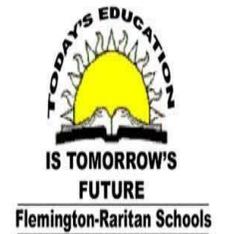


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November 6, 2020

Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents and Community Members,

This morning the District received a notice of a positive COVID-19 case of a student at Robert Hunter Elementary School. The student was last in school for in-person instruction the week of October 26, 2020, and was present at school on Friday, October 30. Due to our Week A/Week B rotating schedule, the child was not in the building this week. We continue to follow very specific procedures with our partners at the Department of Health and are not able to share any additional identifying information about any positive cases. The DOH will contact anyone who has been in close contact with an ill person with quarantine instructions.

County COVID-19 Update:

The Department of Health's regional classification has Hunterdon County in a yellow (moderate risk of spread classification). When we are yellow, the Department of Health's guidelines require students who experience concerning symptoms, and who do not secure a negative COVID-19 test, to remain on remote instruction for 10 days rather than return 24 hours after their symptoms have resolved. You can review this guidance here: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf.

As of Wednesday, November 4, 2020, the Department of Health reports there are over 300 individuals from school communities around Hunterdon County who have been advised to quarantine. Moreover, the Hunterdon County Health Department COVID-19 cases are reported to be increasing and the regular flu season is fast approaching. I ask that everyone be vigilant and take all measures to protect yourself and others as we try to control the potential spread of the pandemic within our community.

Survey for Parents:

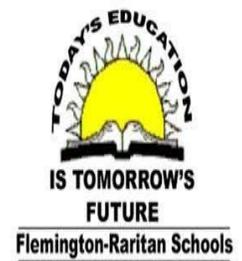
As this continues to be like no other school year, as a district we continue to look for ways to plan and be responsive to feedback. To involve families in the decision-making process and gain feedback about what is working and areas of improvement, I have included a survey for parents to complete. Please use the link to share your thoughts and responses: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKK9WHX>.

The survey will be open until Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 5 PM. Your feedback will help us to understand your comfort level with in-person learning and all-remote schedules. As always, the main consideration in our decision making is to keep our students and staff safe. As we plan for the upcoming trimester it is important that families think forward about the upcoming months and what is best for your children.

In-person Learning and All Remote Learning Preferences:

This coming Wednesday, November 11, is the last day to contact your child's building principal to request a transition from fully remote to in-person learning or vice-versa. I recognize that this is a difficult decision in light of the unknown. Our rise in COVID-19 cases, hospital admissions, and the number of people who have been directed to quarantine causes concern for many. At this time, there are no plans to close our school doors without a Governor's Executive Order or a recommendation by the Hunterdon County Health Department. I am in close communication with the Hunterdon County Health Department and our school nurses as the uptick in cases is monitored. If we are advised by the Hunterdon County Health Department to close our school doors or the Department of Health's regional classification lists Hunterdon County in the red (very high risk of spread classification), we will be required to close either temporarily or for an extended amount of time. For now, as we manage the uncertainty, I am staying abreast of the NJDOE and NJDOH COVID-19 guidance and surveillance indicators. I exchange after-hours

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information with the Hunterdon County Health Department and continue to inform our staff, students, and families about when they should stay home and when they should return to school.

Policy for requests to transition from in-person learning to fully remote or vice-versa:

❖ Transition to remote learning:

According to BOE policy 1648.02, a parent may request a student receive full-time remote learning from the school district by submitting a written request to the Principal of the school building their child would attend. The written request shall be provided to the Principal at least 15 business days before the end of the trimester. Schedule changes for the winter trimester must be received by the building principal by November 11 and schedule changes for the spring semester must be received by February 22, unless otherwise specified, before the student is eligible to commence full-time remote learning. The student may only begin full-time remote learning within 15 business days after receiving written approval of the Principal or designee.

❖ Transition to in-person learning:

Transitions to in-person learning will occur at the beginning of the new trimester. The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District must comply with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state, and local recommendations to maintain health protocols and safety standards (e.g., a six-foot distancing between students seating arrangements and masks while on campus). A parent may request their student transition from full-time remote learning to in-person services, if in-person services are being provided, by submitting a written request to the Principal of the building the student will attend. The request must be submitted at least 15 business days before the end of the trimester (schedule changes for the winter trimester must be received by November 11, 2020, and schedule changes for the spring trimester must be received by February 22, 2021, unless otherwise specified before the student is eligible for in-person services.

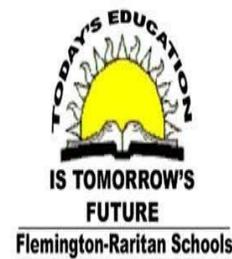
Schedule Reminder:

Next week, beginning on November 9, we welcome back Cohort A for in-person learning. Our staff and faculty continue to monitor assignments for students in remote learning, students in all remote academy settings, and students in a hybrid setting. Students should have assignments during their Extension Time, Excel time, and independent reading, as well as other academic instructional areas. Please reach out to your child’s teacher for clarification or questions. Our teachers and your child’s building administrator(s) are great partners in learning.

Here’s a glance at the district’s upcoming schedule:

Date	Grades	Cohort A	Cohort B
Week of November 9	K-8	In-Person	Remote Learning
Week of November 16	K-8	Remote Learning	In-Person
November 23-25**	K-8	In-Person	Remote Learning
November 30-December 4	K-8	Remote Learning	In-Person
** School closed for all students and staff on Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving Break.			
*** Parents who selected all-virtual instruction for their child will continue with all-remote learning. ***			

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14-Day Travel Quarantine

November and December routinely bring several breaks from school beginning with the New Jersey Education Association's convention and Thanksgiving and winter breaks. There are many days when families get together to take advantage of school closures. The State of New Jersey issued a travel advisory for people traveling to our state or returning to New Jersey after having visited a location with a significant spread of COVID-19. The travel advisory requires a 14-day quarantine period upon returning to New Jersey. For the most up-to-date listing of those locations, please refer to the State's [FAQ website](#). The out-of-state travel guidance is outlined by New [Jersey's quarantine advisory](#). The 14-day quarantine applies to travel from certain areas identified as those that have a positive COVID-19 test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or have a 10% or higher positivity rate over a seven-day rolling average for impacted states. To protect our students and staff, we will adhere strictly to the state guidelines. Thus, students who travel to states on the advisory list, or internationally, must stay home for 14 days. Additionally, children who have COVID-19 like symptoms should stay home from school and consult their physician or school nurse. Quarantine students in the hybrid instruction model will utilize our remote instruction support during their quarantine. Please contact your child's school principal if your child has been required to quarantine due to exposure or travel out of New Jersey to a state that is on New Jersey's list of quarantined states.

Health Screening Reminder:

Families have been doing a great job submitting their child's health screening before school. Thank you for remembering and setting up a new morning routine. Please continue to complete the daily screening **each morning** before your child(ren) report to school for in-person learning. If a child arrives at school without a completed form, a parent will be contacted and the child will not be permitted to begin in-person learning. Instructions are noted below:

1. Log into the [Parent Portal](#); an alert will pop up, indicating that the Daily COVID Form is required.
2. Click on the "Daily COVID Form" to begin.
3. Answer all questions honestly and thoroughly.

As we partner together for the success of students, the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District remains focused on three priorities:

1. Safety of our students, staff, and faculty;
2. Providing a high-quality education to students with highly trained, certified educators;
3. Creating opportunities for students, staff, and faculty to remain connected to positively influence social-emotional well-being.

Please continue to make healthy choices that will keep your family and our school community healthy and safe. My best to all of our families and my hope that you are all happy, safe, and healthy.

Wishing you well,

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