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

The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District continues to move forward toward normalcy in the most unusual of all school years. We are planning for the remainder of the school year with in-person outdoor graduation for our 8th graders and in-person, end-of-year celebrations including field trips to outdoor locations and PTO family gatherings held outdoors. The District will remain on an early release schedule for the final weeks of this school year. We will continue to provide 5-days a week of in-person instruction for the foreseeable future as long as the positive trend continues.

Our plans are for a traditional school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year with full-day, in-person learning for all students, using a traditional schedule. At this time, a full-day schedule is being planned for September 2021.

Facility work through the passing of the referendum is moving steadily forward with the installation of new windows at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School and outdoor building improvements including stucco repair and refinishing. Electric service upgrades are in progress at Barley Sheaf Elementary School, Robert Hunter Elementary School, Francis A. Desmares Elementary School, and Reading-Fleming Intermediate School. Major roof replacements at Barley Sheaf, Copper Hill, and Robert Hunter were completed in the fall with minor punch lists closing out. Security and phone installation district-wide occurred with exterior doors installed at all six school sites. Our 21st-Century security system installation is nearing completion with equipment on poles and rooftops. The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) construction schedule is ahead of schedule with anticipated completion for this summer. Site improvements for RFIS, Copper Hill, and J.P. Case will all be occurring this summer with an early start to site construction at J.P. Case Middle School. Asphalt milling work is scheduled for J.P. Case Middle School tentatively to begin next week. All in all, there is great work occurring as a result of the referendum.

### **COVID-19 Update**

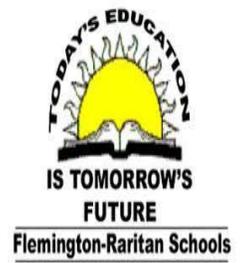
Our Central West region continues to improve. Each week, the Department of Health provides information on the COVID-19 transmission at the regional level published through the CALI report. I am happy to report that again this week's [COVID-19 report](#) shows our Central West region in the "yellow." The case rate and percent CLI rates both decreased, while the percent positivity increased. The New Jersey Department of Health defines the percent positivity rate as the percentage of total positive COVID-19 PCR tests out of all COVID-19 PCR tests performed. The percent positivity rate is monitored as a 7-day average.

The New Jersey Department of Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools, most recently updated on March 23, 2021, continues to guide our health and safety decisions. The CDC continues to recommend six feet of physical distancing when masks cannot be worn, such as while eating and drinking. The NJDOH continues to use the proximity of six feet or less for more than 15 minutes to determine the need for quarantining persons in contact with a COVID-19 case.

The District received notice of 10 positive COVID-19 cases of students and staff members this week. They are listed below:

- Francis A. Desmares School: 1 student last in the building on April 15
- Robert Hunter School: 3 students last in the building on April 1
- Reading-Fleming Intermediate School: 2 students last in the building on April 1 and 1 staff member last in the building on April 16

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- J.P. Case Middle School: 3 students, last in the building on April 1.

A current count of reported COVID-19 cases is posted on the [District web site](#). To find the current count of reported COVID-19 cases visit the district homepage and scroll down to the image of the New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub link. The chart is updated by the end of each day in which a case is reported to the Superintendent.

My best to all our families for a wonderful weekend. We greatly appreciate our school community's support for our progress this school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kari McGann".

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