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



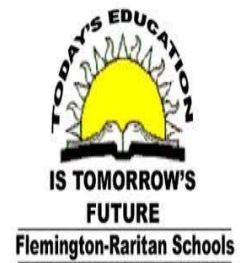
In this week's letter to parents and community members I want to specifically share my grand appreciation to the teachers in our district. This week there has been great celebration in our schools. We've celebrated educators, learning, and being together in school with food, treats, music, and laughter. Throughout the week many parents took time to share with me their gratitude for our teachers. I heard from parents about the patience, kindness, dedication, positivity, caring, and understanding that our educators demonstrate every day. Thank you parents for all that you do to support your children in their education. I know this year has not been easy on parents, students, teachers, and our community.

A quick note below on how things are looking state-wide and in our region. We were pleased that last week Governor Murphy **announced** an increase in gathering limits for outdoor and indoor end-of-year events, effective May 10, 2021. The outdoor gathering limit will increase to 500 persons and the capacity limit for large venues with fixed seating for 1,000 or more people is increased to 50%. The Governor also announced increased limits for indoor catered events, such as proms, to 50% of room capacity and with a maximum of 250 people, and the ability of outdoor and indoor venues to open dance floors at these private catered events. This announcement is wonderful news for our students, families, and communities.

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. When our region moves into the green we will discontinue the daily screening form and use a COVID-19 weekly pledge instead. Additionally, when our region moves into the green our buildings will be open for guests. At this time our school facilities remain closed to guests except for in the case of emergencies, a requirement by New Jersey School Code, or after-hours referendum work.

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. I am

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hopeful that masks will not be mandated, but at this time Governor Murphy has not changed the Executive Order that mandates masks.

### 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 remains in the "yellow." All indicators; Case Rate, Percent CLI, and Percent Positivity rates decreased. The Case Rate remains in the high range at 11.16, but the State Case Rate decreased 10.59.

The District received notice of no new positive COVID-19 cases of students and staff members this week. A current count of reported COVID-19 cases is posted on the [District website](#). To find the current count of reported COVID-19 cases visit the district homepage and click on the headline that reads Current COVID-19 count. 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. It continues to be my great honor to serve as the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Superintendent of Schools.

Sincerely,

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