

December 18, 2020

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

The Board of Education, Superintendent, faculty, and staff are committed to continuing in-person instruction for those families that have selected in-person learning for their child. I will continue to monitor the regional health data and communicate additional information as it becomes available. The COVID-19 Activity Level Report for the week ending December 12 shows our region is in the “high” or “orange” activity level. We *did not* move out of the “orange” level. The availability of in-person instruction is dependent upon the extent to which the District can successfully meet the following guidelines:

- 1) Health and safety factors are maintained according to the State and National Standards;
- 2) Buildings are staffed to meet all safety standards as dictated in the District’s [Returning with Confidence Plan](#);
- 3) Contact tracing is completed as required by the local health department to identify and exclude close contacts according to [CDC guidance](#);
- 4) Our region remains in the “green,” “yellow,” or “orange” rating and does not move into the “red” level according to the [COVID Activity report](#).

Schedule Reminder: Below is the district’s upcoming schedule for Grades K-8:

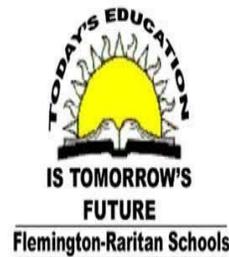
Date	Cohort A	Cohort B
December 21-23*	In-Person	Remote Learning
January 4-8, 2021	Remote Learning	In-Person
January 11-15	In-Person	Remote Learning
January 19-22**	Remote Learning	In-Person
* Winter Break will be held from December 24 through January 1. No instruction will be held. December 23 is an early release day for students and staff. No afternoon instruction will be held.* ** On Monday, January 18, school will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No instruction will be held. *** Parents who selected all-virtual instruction for their child will continue with all-remote learning.		

14-Day Travel Quarantine

The winter holidays in December traditionally brings the opportunity to visit friends and family, both near and far. However, the State of New Jersey issued a travel advisory for people traveling or returning to New Jersey from beyond the immediate region of Connecticut, New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. The State of New Jersey travel advisory is no longer specific to certain states. According to the State, the advisory for all travel is due to the rising number of case counts across all states and the increased risk of spread of COVID-19 upon return from any travel. The travel advisory from the [CDC](#) requires a 14-day quarantine period upon returning to New Jersey. The District communicates closely with the Hunterdon Department of Health and the health protocols advice for our region.

To protect our students and staff, we will adhere strictly to the guidelines of the CDC and the recommendations from the DOH. Thus, students who travel beyond the immediate region of Connecticut, New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, must stay home for 14 days following travel. Please note, there are less than fourteen days between the first day of winter break, December 24, and the first day we return to school after winter break, January 4, 2021. 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.

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Next week will be a short week for our students, with instruction only occurring on Monday the 21st, Tuesday the 22nd, and Wednesday the 23rd. There will be no afternoon instruction on December 23rd for afternoon check-in for students. All buildings will be closed beginning at approximately 2:30 PM. Staff and faculty are released early on December 23 for the beginning of the winter break.

We wish you and your family and most glorious holiday season. We look forward to a wonderful new year in 2021.

Wishing you good health,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kari McGann". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools