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

A few important reminders:

- On Friday, February 12, no virtual instruction nor in-person instruction will be held for students as all faculty will be participating in professional development sessions.
- The District is closed on Monday, February 15, for Presidents Day.

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

Date	Cohort A	Cohort B
February 1-5	Remote Learning	In-Person
February 8-11*	In-Person	Remote Learning
February 16-19**	Remote Learning	In-Person
~Parents who selected all-virtual instruction for their child will continue with all-remote learning.~ * February 12: All schools are closed for a Staff Development Day. No virtual nor in-person instruction will be held for students. ** February 15: All schools are closed in observance of Presidents Day. No instruction will be held.		

In-person Learning and All Remote Learning Preferences:

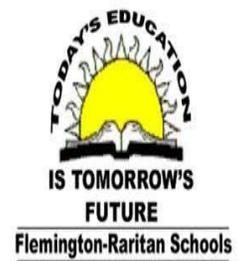
As explained in the November 6, 2020 letter to parents, a request must be made to the building principal for a student to transition to in-person learning or to fully remote learning. The request must be made at least 15 business days before the end of the trimester. Contact your child's building principal by Monday, February 22, to request to transition from in-person learning to fully remote or vice versa for the spring trimester.

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 the written approval from 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. Flemington-Raritan Regional School District [Policy 1648](#) requires social distancing to occur within the classroom by ensuring that students are seated at least six feet apart. 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.

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Possible Winter Weather:

As reported from weather forecaster Joe Slezak, from WeatherWorks, a Nor'easter is expected to arrive late Sunday night into Monday and possibly continue to the early hours on Tuesday. Weather forecasts are predicting snowfall to be significant with 6"+ inches. Please note, as explained in the [December 13, 2020](#) letter, in the event that wintery weather affects the morning commute, schools will not have a delayed opening. Instead, the District will pivot to an all-remote learning day. Students will follow the same schedule as scheduled for the day, with all learning taking place virtually. An all-remote learning day would be necessary rather than operating in-person instruction on a delayed opening schedule because of the short time between when students arrive at school on a delayed opening and when they leave for the day on an early dismissal. The short time would prevent the day from counting as a day of instruction. As noted above, the District must hold 180 days of instruction, and all schools continue to operate on an early dismissal schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the system moves closer to our area, updates will be provided.

COVID-19 Update:

The district received notice of a positive COVID-19 case of a student at J.P. Case Middle School who was last in the building on January 27. Our District nurses follow all contact tracing guidelines from the Department of Health.

Wishing you good health,

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

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