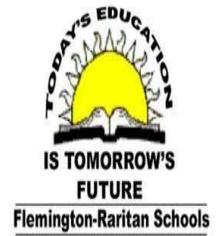


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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents and Community Members,

As we reach our 15th week of school, allow me to express my sincerest appreciation to our school community for coming together in support of Flemington-Raritan’s children. Our incredibly hard-working faculty offers quality instruction and small group lessons for remote and in-person students. Each time I walk the school hallways and visit classrooms, I am so proud and impressed with the level of engagement between students and teachers and the effortless manner in which they support remote and in-person learners. Supporting both in-person and remote learners isn’t simple work and, yet, they make it look so effortless.

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 availability of in-person instruction is dependent upon the extent to which the District can successfully meet the following guidelines:

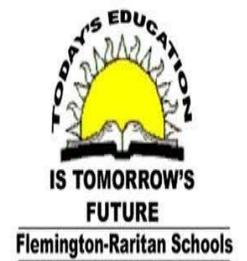
- 1) Health and safety factors are maintained according to the State and National Standards;
- 2) Buildings are staffed to meet all safety standards as dictated in the District’s [Returning with Confidence Plan](#);
- 3) Contact tracing is completed as required by the local health department to identify 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](#).

Unfortunately, due to the “orange” level requirements of contact tracing over the past three weeks, we have sent home students, faculty, and staff members due to exposure to COVID-19 symptoms. There have even been instances where a school needed to exclude an entire classroom of students and the teacher(s) when it was confirmed that a class member was exposed to symptoms. Parents, to help ensure the health and safety of all, please do not send your child into school if they have cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms or if you have given your child fever-reducing medication to ease these symptoms. Check with our school nurses or your child’s primary care physician if you are unsure whether to send your child to school.

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

Date	Cohort A	Cohort B
December 14-18	Remote Learning	In-Person
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.		

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**Anticipating the Suspension of In-Person Instruction:** When and if in-person learning is suspended, please know the following and plan appropriately:

- **K-4 Weekly Rotation:** The current Week A/Week B rotation will continue uninterrupted.
- **5-8 Daily A/B Rotation:** The District will pivot from the current five-day/weekly rotation to an alternating day rotation (A/B) **only** for the time during the suspension of in-person learning. Students will continue to have their same teacher and will see the same classmates as they are accustomed to seeing in class during the A/B week. The only difference will be that classes will alternate daily. The transition to an alternating day rotation will not occur until 5-7 calendar days after in-person classes have been suspended to provide time for a smooth transition. At a mid-point in the day selected by your child's principal, all students and staff would have a single 12-minute break between classes. If the district should need to pivot to an all-remote schedule, additional information will arrive from your child's 5-8 building principal.

**Health Screening Reminder:** Please complete the daily screening **each morning** prior to your child(ren) reporting 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. Log into the [Parent Portal](#); an alert will pop up, indicating that the Daily COVID Form is required; click on the "Daily COVID Form" to begin; answer all questions honestly and thoroughly.

**Travel:** 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. The State of New Jersey issues 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](#).

Wishing you good health,

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