

April 16, 2021

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

As of Monday, April 19, there are 44 days left of the school year. Look how far we've come! More students are attending classes in person and the nicer weather has allowed for outside breaks in the sunshine. We continue to move forward with planning for the remainder of the school year and the 2021-2022 school year with outdoor graduation and end-of-year celebrations. Our plans are for a traditional school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year with full in-person learning for all students in a traditional schedule. At this time, a full-day schedule is being planned for September 2021.

COVID-19 Update

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 this week's [COVID-19 report](#) shows our Central West region in the "yellow." The case rate and percent positivity rates both decreased, while the percent CLI increased. New Jersey Department of Health defines CLI as the presence of a coronavirus diagnosis code, as reported from emergency department data.

Over Spring Break our nurses completed contact tracing in partnership with the Hunterdon County Department of Health. The District received notice of eighteen (18) positive COVID-19 cases of students and staff members over the Spring Break holidays. All cases were reported during the spring break holidays. They are outlined below:

- Barley Sheaf School: 5 students and 1 staff member last in the building on April 1.
- Copper Hill School: 1 student last in the building on April 1.
- Francis A. Desmares School: 2 students last in the building on March 23 and April 1, respectively; 2 staff members last in the building on April 1 and April 5, respectively.
- Robert Hunter School: 1 student last in the building on March 26.
- Reading-Fleming Intermediate School: 1 student and 1 staff member last in the building on March 31 and 2 students last in the building on April 1.
- J.P. Case Middle School: 2 students last in the building on April 1.

Moving forward I will not share daily communication regarding contact tracing but will report on Fridays in my weekly communication with parents. The district will use a COVID-19 dashboard on the district website for community members that want daily information.

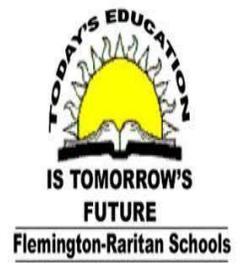
Parent Resources:

Students' well-being, mental health, and social-emotional learning have been threatened by the ongoing pandemic. Children have had to navigate feelings and emotions that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Our partner in education, Effective School Solutions, offers important resources related to children's mental health. See the links below, one offered in English and the other in Spanish.

[English Translation](#)

[Spanish Translation](#)

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As another tool to support the emotional health of our students, Atlantic Health System is offering a four-part series dedicated to providing parents with the tools and language to have meaningful, but difficult, conversations about life, and support their children through difficult emotions to help them build coping skills, resilience, and hope. [View the workshop flyer here.](#)

My best to all our families.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Kari McGann
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