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

The Flemington-Raritan Regional School District continues to plan for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year while carefully monitoring local, state, and federal guidance. On July 9, [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), recommended unvaccinated staff and students should wear masks in school. This week, just 18 days later, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) reversed its decision and now advises along with the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) that all students and staff should wear a mask while in school, regardless of vaccination status.

The [Hunterdon County Health](#) website provides local information on COVID-19. Each week, the Department of Health provides information on the COVID-19 transmission at the regional level published through the [weekly CALI report](#). This week's [COVID-19 report](#) shows our Central West region in the “yellow.” All indicators; Case Rate, Percent CLI, and Percent Positivity rates increased. However, all three indicators remain in the “yellow” or “green” range.

At this time, due to local metrics in our region, the district maintains previously released guidance; masks are optional for staff, faculty, and students while in our buildings. Masks are required on all school buses, as they are required on all public transportation, per Governor Murphy’s mandate. The District continues with layered mitigation strategies like handwashing, excluding students with COVID-19 symptoms, and contact tracing to identify threats of exposure to the virus. We are monitoring community transmission, vaccination coverage, the occurrence of outbreaks, and local policies and regulations to guide our decisions on the use of layered prevention strategies.

Communication will continue regularly from the district to our community to keep parents, staff, and faculty updated on our referendum work and school reopening plans. Next month I will return to publishing a monthly newsletter to provide information to the community. The August newsletter, which will be released at the beginning of the month, will share information about the return to school protocols, the upcoming school year, and our school facilities. A “Frequently Asked Questions” section will be featured in the August newsletter to assist parents with answers to questions looming as a result of the ever-changing guidance from federal and state offices.

We continue to plan for a full calendar of events, activities and special moments as we focus on returning to our traditional school schedules. Our 2021-2022 district calendar is linked [here](#).

Sincerely,

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