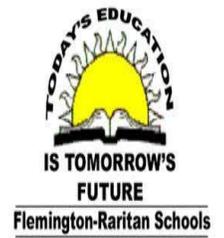


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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members,

As I mentioned in my [January 3 letter to parents](#), temporary virtual instruction decisions may need to be considered within classrooms, grade levels, or buildings until such time that we are able to fully staff the District safely. As the situation warrants, it is possible for some schools to remain open for in-person instruction while other schools operate remotely.

As such, due to significant staffing issues and substitute coverage shortages due to COVID-19 quarantine, symptoms, and required contact tracing, **J.P. Case Middle School will be closed tomorrow, January 5, 2022 for in-person instruction. That means all J.P. Case Middle School students will log into virtual learning for a full day of instruction for tomorrow, January 5, 2022.** Building administration and/or J.P. Case teachers will follow up with specific information for J.P. Case students.

A decision for J.P. Case Middle School for Thursday, January 6, 2022, will be made and announced by noon tomorrow so that parents can plan accordingly. As J.P. Case Middle School students will participate in remote instruction tomorrow, we will continue to problem-solve to return J.P. Case Middle School students to in-person learning as quickly as possible.

To clarify, Barley Sheaf, Copper Hill, Francis A. Desmares, Robert Hunter and Reading-Fleming will all open for in-person instruction tomorrow, January 5, 2022. J.P. Case Middle School will operate remotely with virtual instruction only. As always, students district-wide who are in quarantine can continue to log into virtual instruction as they normally do.

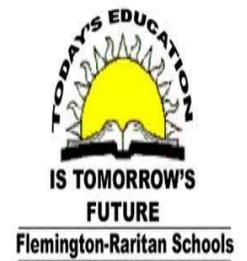
The District continues to assess our cases and symptomatic close contacts and their potential affect on our ability to offer in-person learning. As you know, the district is prohibited from offering a choice for remote learning as an instructional model since Governor Murphy ended Executive Order 175. Virtual instruction can only be used as a result of a COVID quarantine or COVID closure.

Parents are encouraged to have childcare arrangements in place should a school or the District need to move to temporary virtual instruction as in the case with J.P. Case Middle School. Due to the fluidity of the current public health crisis, this determination may need to be made very quickly as evidenced today. Information will be communicated as quickly as possible if changes are needed.

Please contact your child's school if your child has been exposed to COVID-19 or has symptoms. Parents, if you have given fever-reducing medication or if your child is symptomatic with COVID-19 symptoms, do not send your child to school. If it is confirmed that a symptomatic child is present in school, the district may need to send multiple students and the teacher(s) home to quarantine. When children come to school that are sick or exposed at home it creates contact tracing requirements which may hinder our ability to continue to offer in-person learning.

COVID-19 has the following symptoms: fever (temperature of 100.4 or greater) or chills, cough, shortness of

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breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, a new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. If children experience any of these symptoms, they must stay home from school. If you have any questions about symptoms or any other concerns for you or your child, please consult your physician or one of our school nurses.

Please be reminded that wintry weather is predicted later this week. Parents should be prepared for a traditional snow day if the weather necessitates a school closing. We have three built-in snow days for this calendar year. The district may not switch from a snow day to a virtual instruction day until after the third day of consecutive school closings. According to the State of New Jersey Department of Education Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs, a virtual instruction day will be implemented during a district closure lasting more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared a public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure.

The safety of our students, staff, and faculty remains our highest priority.

Sincerely,

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