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

## Winter Weather Update:

Recent weather reports indicated that wintry weather in the form of mostly ice is expected tonight into Tuesday night and possibly Wednesday morning. Hunterdon Central's Weather Alert offers the following: **Prolonged, light mix of wintry precip Tuesday -Tuesday night...** Light snow is expected to spread in at the tail-end of tonight or early Tuesday. This initial push of snow may struggle to turn steady, but it will be cold so a Coating - 1" is likely on any untreated surface. Snow will mix with/change to sleet and freezing rain during the morning. The steadiest precipitation looks to be Tuesday afternoon. Light freezing rain or drizzle continues Tuesday evening before slowly tapering overnight into early Wednesday, with an outside chance for a bit of sleet or snow to mix back in before ending.

The timing to decide if the District will pivot to all remote instruction will occur in the early morning, approximately 5 a.m. The next steps will be a conferencing early on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to monitor the road conditions with the Transportation Department. The final decision will be made the morning of each day. If needed, a formal virtual instruction day announcement will be made each morning rather than the previous night due to the uncertainty of the forecast. Please plan accordingly for your families to accommodate the weather and the potential need to pivot to all remote learning.

As shared in the <u>December 13, 2020</u> letter, in the event that wintery weather affects the morning commute, schools will not <u>have a delayed opening</u>. Instead, the District will pivot to an all-remote learning day if necessary. 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 always, no formal announcement through our district communication system means business as usual at Flemington-Raritan Regional School District.

Wishing you good health,

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