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

I hope my letter this week finds you and your families safe and healthy. Thank you for providing your feedback with the FRSD Parent Ad-Hoc Survey/Fall 2020. There were 1,701 responses submitted; 234 from Barley Sheaf Elementary School, 225 from Copper Hill Elementary School, 276 from Francis A. Desmares Elementary School, **238 from Robert Hunter Elementary School**, 355 from Reading-Fleming Intermediate School, and 373 from J.P. Case Middle School. There were 829 responses to the question, "Is there anything else you would like to share?" The word that was used most often in responses from our community was "students." The word "students" was used 231 times or in 27.86% of all responses. The word "teachers" was the second most important word used in the responses with 227 occurrences or in 27.38% of all responses. Clearly, our students and teachers were on the minds of survey participants.

Thank you for your time and participation to provide your important responses, ideas, and feedback. This weekend and next week I will review the responses and comments and share with others. Every one of your responses is important to our Flemington-Raritan Regional School District team.

The Hunterdon County Health Department continues to be a strong partner with our Flemington-Raritan Regional School District. As we enter the holiday season, we must continue to be vigilant with our health protocols at home and proceed with caution. The CDC recently revised the guidance on exposure and the definition of close contact. Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. It is important to note that the <u>CDC guidance defines</u> individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

Flemington-Raritan Regional School District has set precautions and protocols in place to preserve our in-person instruction for students and the workplace for our staff. The continuation of in-person instruction and the continued health of our entire community requires that everyone take all appropriate masking, distancing, and hygiene precautions at all times, not just while at school. Please review these precautions with your child and with your family: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick

Date Cohort B Grades Cohort A Week of November 16 K-8 In-Person Remote Learning November 23-25** K-8 In-Person Remote Learning K-8 In-Person November 30- December 4 Remote Learning ** School closed for all students and staff on Nov. 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving Break.

*** Parents who selected all-virtual instruction for their child will continue with all-remote learning. ***

Schedule Reminder: Here's a glance at the district's upcoming schedule:

Health Screening Reminder: Please complete the daily screening <u>each morning</u> 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 <u>Parent Portal</u>; 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 <u>FAQ website</u>.

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Gatherings: As Thanksgiving approaches and families consider travel and overnight stays, follow the <u>CDC's guidance</u> to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. As our region experiences an increase in the number of positive cases, it is critical that we continue to adhere to safety guidelines and minimize exposure. We know that indoor gatherings and large events are most risky. If you will be attending an event:

- Prioritize attending outdoor activities over indoor activities and stay within your local area as much as possible.
- Bring supplies to help you and others stay healthy-- for example, masks, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, and drinking water.
- Maintain a distance of at least six feet or more from people who don't live in your household. Be particularly mindful in areas where it may be harder to keep this distance, such as check-in areas, parking lots, and entry/exit.
- Select seating or determine where to stand based on the ability to keep six feet of space from people who don't live in your household, including if you will be eating and drinking.
- Arrive at the event early or at off-peak times to avoid crowding and congested areas.
- Avoid using restrooms facilities or concession stands at high traffic times, such as intermission and half-time.
- Wear a mask when interacting with other people to minimize the risk of transmitting the virus.
- Avoid self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets, salad bars, and drink stations. Use grab-and-go meal options, if available.
- Use disposable food service items including utensils and dishes, if available.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer immediately before eating food or after touching any common surfaces like hand railings, payment kiosks, door handles, and toilets.

Please continue to make healthy choices that will keep your family and our school community healthy and safe. My best to all of our families and my hope that you are all happy, safe, and healthy.

Flemington-Raritan School District is proud to announce free breakfast and lunch to children under the age of 18

Week of November 23rd



All meals will be available for pick up Wednesday, November 25th From 1:30pm - 3:00pm

MEAL PICK UP LOCATIONS

Barley Sheaf School Copper Hill Elementary School Francis A. Desmares School Robert Hunter Elementary School Reading-Fleming Intermediate School J.P. Case Middle School MAIN ENTRANCE, 80 Barley Sheaf Rd. GYM ENTRANCE, 100 Everitts Rd. FRONT ENTRANCE, 16 Old Clinton Rd. BACK PARKING LOT, 8 Dayton Rd. ANNEX, 50 Court St. BACK PARKING LOT, 301 Case Blvd.



Wishing you good health,



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