

April 14, 2022

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

We wish parents and our community a wonderful spring recess. We hope that you enjoy your time together with friends and family. We continue to move forward with planning for the remainder of the school year and the 2022-23 school year. J.P. Case has planned for the 8th-grade Promotion Ceremony, the 8th-grade Celebration, and the 8th-grade trip to Hershey Park. All schools have planned a multitude of end-of-year celebrations to acknowledge the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to seeing families at one of the numerous upcoming events planned--book fairs, spring concerts, heritage nights, activity nights, field days, just to name a few.

NJ SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Not only are we celebrating being back together in school and the social-emotional benefit of being together, but we are also celebrating the learning of our students. There is still great work to do as we continue to address the academic and social-emotional challenges that schools face as a result of the pandemic. The New Jersey Department of Education has released the 2020-2021 School Performance Reports. You can find the report for each of our schools by following this [link here](#). There are also helpful guides for elementary parents, [linked here](#), and middle school parents, [linked here](#). Please see the [District smore](#) for more information about the New Jersey Department of Education School Performance Reports.

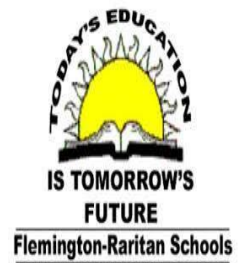
CHANGE IN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The Board of Education approved revisions to the [Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan-- School Closure Preparedness Plan](#) on March 25, 2022. Changes to the School Closure Preparedness Plan were communicated in the [March newsletter](#) on the top of page 4. Our District's [Road Forward Plan](#) has been revised to address COVID-19 moving from a pandemic into the endemic stage. You can also find information about the changes from the Board of Education presentation on slides 19-23 at this [link](#). In short, four revisions include:

- 1) The District will continue to follow all legal mandates regarding contact tracing and not exclude students unless they are positive for COVID-19;
- 2) The District will continue to report all COVID-19 cases as required by the NJ State Code to the Surveillance for Influenza and COVID-19 SIC Module in the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS); and
- 3) The District will continue to follow all legal mandates as required by Executive Order #253 to require unvaccinated covered workers to submit weekly testing.
- 4) The District will use virtual learning when the district is required to close the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive and/or recommendation by the appropriate health agency or officer to institute a public health-related closure, days of virtual or remote instruction commensurate with in-person instruction will count towards the district's 180-day requirement.

The District continues to actively promote vaccinations, including boosters, for all eligible students and staff/covered workers. If a student is positive for COVID-19, they must stay home from school. Individuals who

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have been positive may return on day 6 from isolation if they meet the criteria for ending isolation. They are highly recommended to wear a mask appropriately and consistently through day 10 indoors.

COVID-19 TESTS AVAILABLE

The only requirement for results of COVID-19 testing is due to the remaining mandate for non-vaccinated covered workers. Governor's Executive Order #253 remains in effect from the Governor's Office. At this time, the District does not require the results of COVID-19 tests for any other individual other than those employees that are unvaccinated and are considered "covered workers" in the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District.

To assist families, staff, and faculty that may want access to a COVID-19 test, the District has free COVID-19 tests that are available. The District received COVID-19 tests from the Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety. These COVID-19 tests are available to families that would like to request them. At this time, two tests per student are available to pick up at your preferred school location. To request tests, please complete [this form to sign up](#). A date and time for test pick-up will be announced once the District has received information from the community.

The District continues to require that students and staff who display symptoms such as fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and cold symptoms that would prevent them from participating in class fully stay home from school. If children experience any of the symptoms described, they must stay home from school. If you have any questions about symptoms and whether or not your child can come to school, please consult your physician or speak with one of our school nurses.

We wish our students and families a healthy and relaxing spring recess as schools are closed for students on Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 24. Schools will re-open on April 25, 2022. We hope all our students enjoy their time with their families and friends.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools