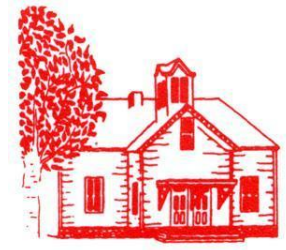


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"Where Children Come First"

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January 6, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the Interim Superintendent, I would like to thank you for your support. The District has been creative with its responsive efforts in this situation. A daily briefing and the review of District data affords us with opportunities to stay ahead. After a briefing with the Hunterdon County Department of Health (HC DoH) and as anticipated, the Central West Region has moved into the red, or "very high" [Covid activity level](#). As you are aware, our nurses and contact tracers, under the supervision of Alexa Ingram, Director of Special Services, are working to maintain all protocols to ensure the health and safety of all members of our educational community.

I'd like to offer to you specific information related to the status of our District.

- While Wednesday was a quiet day with regards to reported positive cases, we received information of positive cases last night which require contact tracing. Four cases were traced on 1/5/22 and close contacts were notified and excluded based on exclusion criteria.
- Work Family Connection, transportation and food service are maintaining to capacity
- To gain timely data, a survey was forwarded to parents/guardians on Wednesday, January 5 to determine interest in a virtual platform. This would be an alternative to in person instruction. At this time, we have approximately **200** respondents requesting virtual options. The virtual option would be a short term implementation with a biweekly assessment and a two day turnaround.

The plan moving forward is as follows:

- Holding with a full day of school;
- Virtual option anticipated implementation on **January 11**
- Should the operation of our District become so compromised, the next modification would be early dismissal with no lunch. A two day turnaround would be offered for this implementation. This option will be assessed each week.
- Our District maintains continuous communication with the HC DoH. A review of our data and in consultation with the HC DoH will determine, if necessary, a full remote model.

As per the Hunterdon County Department of Health, current data is as follows:

- As of 1/6/2021 the entire state is in the "Red."
- Daily case counts are at an all time high at 434
- COVID positive hospital inpatients are 56 (as of 1/3/22)
- Increase in fatalities (majority are unvaccinated)

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- Percentage of people testing positive is 40% compared to 2% in the summer months
- Increase in COVID cases at all local schools in Hunterdon County
- There is a shortage of testing materials
- The County has [weekly clinics for Covid vaccine and booster shots](#)

All of the information above was communicated to the District Advisory Committee earlier today. As always, information will be maintained.

Be well and thank you,

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