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Dear Parents, Guardians & Staff:

Happy Friday! Thank you for your continued efforts in following our district protocols. I am so pleased that our community has been healthy and safe enough to continue in-person instruction for our students. In speaking with Megan Avallone, Department of Health representative, our numbers continue to be stable and we are on track for in-person instruction through next week.

In terms of our communication regarding new staff or student positive Covid-19 cases, we will continue to send letters to the entire community, and provide as much information as possible without impacting the individual's confidentiality. In addition, today, we are launching our new [dashboard](#). We hope that the dashboard will provide greater context for you to evaluate your school and the district's overall health. The dashboard is accessible through the district and school website site shortcuts, and will be updated weekly. We will push out the weekly update on Friday evenings so that you can see each week at a glance, as well as the district's data in the aggregate.

Please note the NJ Department of Health's recent guidance on Travel Quarantines. New Jersey has shortened their travel quarantine to 10 days. There is no change to the exposure quarantine, which remains at 14 days. We are updating all of our documents to reflect this travel transition. Please be mindful of these protocols, and communicate with us when necessary.

I also call your attention to our revised school calendar over the next month. These changes can be viewed on the hybrid calendar on the district website [here](#). They include our last in-person day on December 18th, remote-only half-day sessions the week of December 21, as well as remote-only full-day sessions the week of January 4, 2021. Our first in-person session in the new year will be on January 11, 2021.

We have begun to plan for our next steps in the new year, and have established tentative plans for each of our schools. More information will be communicated to you in the new year as we finalize our plans. Our goal is to provide our students with more in-person instructional minutes while maintaining a safe environment for students and staff. We are projecting this transition to occur around February 1, 2021 for our elementary schools and February 3, 2021 for the middle and high schools. We will closely monitor the community's health in the new year, and make final decisions around January 22, 2021.

Wishing each of you and your families a healthy and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miceli, Ed.D.".

Superintendent of Schools