

November 19, 2020

Hello Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is healthy and safe. This is not the Thanksgiving email I would like to be sending, but more and more people are testing positive for COVID in the district. The nurses have contacted any and all individuals that were in close contact with these people. If you have not been contacted by a school nurse your child is ok for now.

Looking at the larger picture...all health statistics (city, county, and region) are going in the wrong direction. To protect our students and staff, and after consulting with local health officials and speaking with the Board President, I am having **the whole district pivot to full virtual instruction beginning on Monday Nov. 30 through mid-January**. (We will complete our current in person classes through next Wednesday Nov. 25.)

During this time the buildings will be closed for students. Meals and Chromebooks can still be picked up as needed; please see the district website for details on both of these programs. Please take advantage of the Meal program – it is free meals to any child in Rahway.

The plan is that the students and staff currently in person in the buildings can return on Tuesday Jan. 19, 2021. This temporary pivot, and returning more students to school, will be revisited in early January based on the health statistics.

This is a tough decision for the district because as educators we want to be in school with our students. However the health of the students, staff, and community must come first.

Thank you all for being flexible and understanding partners to support your child's education and the health of the whole community!

Stay safe.

Dr. Trisha Camp