

January 13, 2021

Hello Rahway Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone is healthy and safe. As we all know the district pivoted to all virtual instruction right after the Thanksgiving break with plans to return to in person instruction mid-January and early February.

Unfortunately all health statistics (city, county, and region) continue to go in the wrong direction. To protect our students and staff, and after consulting with local health officials, Rahway administrators, and the district level Reopen Committee, last night I made the very difficult recommendation to the Board that we **delay a return to in person teaching until March**. The Board approved this recommendation.

Specifically,

March 1 - prior students will return to school (preschoolers, self-contained Special Education students, Bilingual and some ESL students).

March 8 - grades K-2 and 7-12* will return.

March 15 - grades 3-6 will return.

*Grade 7-12 students that are needed at home to supervise younger siblings can remain virtual until March 15 when their siblings return to school.

Recall that you still have the option to keep your children fully virtual.

More information will be coming out in the next weeks as we prepare to open in March. Please remember that you can find detailed information on our dedicated reopening webpage (<https://www.rahway.net/Page/7593>).

Thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times and stay safe.

Dr. Trisha Camp