



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Markham Place Families,

When the decision was made last week to reopen MPS, the data points related to Covid cases in that school were not as concerning as they were at PRS. Unfortunately, that situation has recently changed after learning of another positive student and parent case in our community. The contact tracing process from these cases has increased the number of students expected to quarantine at MPS to a level where additional action is needed. Just as I was willing to reconsider the decision to close MPS, I must also be willing to go in the opposite direction when needed. Having consulted with the Board of Education, the school nurses, and the administrative team, the decision has been made for MPS to return to fully remote learning for all staff and students starting Thursday, November 19. To be clear, both schools will remain fully remote through Monday, November 30.

The principals, school nurses and I will continue to monitor the local Covid data on a daily basis to collectively determine if any adjustments need to be made to our plans. I make this statement because it is possible that the reopening date for one or both schools may change depending on the data in our community. Although I remain committed to having our schools open for live learning to the greatest extent possible, we must prioritize the health and safety of our staff and students. With this in mind, I look forward to resuming live learning with all students back in school starting Tuesday, December 1.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael E. Ettore".

Superintendent