



WOODBURY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Leader in Personalizing Education

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

I have important information regarding our school district. In recent days there has been a sharp increase in the number of positive Coronavirus cases in our region. In fact, over the past week record numbers of positive cases were documented in New Jersey.

In previous communication to all of you I have emphasized that school operations for in-person instruction will follow the science of this pandemic and the guidelines established by the New Jersey Department of Health and that the health and safety of our students and staff is our “North Star”.

In studying the data from Northeastern states and across the country, the case can be made that in-person learning is safe when appropriate protections are in place, even in communities with high transmission rates. In addition, we have experienced minimal disruption to date because of students and staff members who are testing positive, ***however we will continue to closely monitor all relevant data and if necessary, we will shift to a fully remote schedule if we see a dramatic increase in Covid-19 transmission rates amongst students and staff over the upcoming days and weeks.***

We want to openly share our thoughts to give you ample time to plan for remote learning if the district or state deems it necessary. We thank you for your continued support as we attempt to navigate the school district through these most challenging times.

To support the health and safety of all students and staff, the district has purchased medical grade, including government approved N95 masks, hospital grade procedure masks, and is actively working to continue to provide sufficient PPE to all staff. The use of the N95 mask and procedure mask provides the following benefits:

N95 Mask:

- Evaluated, tested, and approved by NIOSH
- Reduces wearer’s exposure to particles including small particle aerosols and large droplets

Procedure Mask:

- Cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids.
- Protects others from the wearer’s respiratory emissions.

Please note that we will continue to update you should the decision be made to transition to a fully remote schedule. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact us at board@woodburysch.com.

Respectfully,

Mr. Andrew T Bell Sr.
Superintendent