

Good morning,

I am excited to announce that our students will be returning to in-person instruction at Governor Livingston on Monday December 7th. Cohort B will be attending in person on 12/7 and Mr. Nixon will send out more information later today.

The PTO is vitally important to the district. They have been incredibly supportive during the pandemic and I cannot thank them enough. I recommend that all parents in the district join the organization so that they can support our teachers and students.

Because of the rapidly increasing cases in New Jersey, the district is operating on a day-to-day basis. We have received firm notification that it would be inadvisable if the District did not close to in-person instruction in the event that our Central East region moved from Orange - High Risk to Red - Very High Risk. Therefore, it is my recommendation to the BOE that if our region is classified as Very High Risk that Berkeley Heights Public Schools move to remote instruction until such time as the Department of Health deems the infection rate returns to safely manageable levels. You can find the DOH's recommendation [here](#). Take a moment to review the "Very High Risk" recommendations.

We have every reason to believe that we will be in the Hybrid model for some time. Therefore, we want your feedback. Please take a moment to complete this [survey](#) so we can determine the areas where we are doing well as well as the areas where we need to improve. This survey will close on 12/16 at 9 PM.

Attached to this email, you will find our latest consortium presentation that will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM

This parent workshop will look at how the increased stress we are facing right now is impacting us physically and mentally. During these difficult and challenging times, we need to use self-care strategies to improve the mind and body's capacity to deal with everything that is going on. We will discuss how we treat ourselves influences how we treat those around us. Self-resilience improves when we prioritize our own health and wellbeing.

Below are our updated numbers as of 12/4:

GL-5 (Up one from 11/30)

CMS-0 (Down two from the last update)

Hughes-1 (This student has not been present in school since 11/20. Therefore, there isn't a risk to our current Hughes population).

Staff-3

Finally, I will be out of district for a couple of weeks as I have to have a medical procedure. I anticipate a quick return. In my absence, Mr. McKinney will be sending you updates and communications.

[Parent Wellness Webinar-Gill McClean-MHS 12-9-20.docx](#)

Sincerely,
Dr. Melissa Varley