

Good Afternoon!

I hope you all had the chance to get outside and enjoy the wonderful Spring weather! Even though the weather report for next week is not nearly as lovely, the last few days give us hope that this long snowy winter is finally over.

I am happy to announce that the Berkeley Heights Public Schools Diversity Committee will be partnering with the town's Berkeley Heights Diversity Council in a **One Book, One Community** event. We will be reading Ibram X. Kendi's "How to be an Anti-Racist" and there will be various panels and discussion sessions over the summer.

Just a few quick reminders:

On Monday March 15th all Seniors and other invited students will be returning to GLHS, as well as invited students will be returning to CMS under Plan A. As a reminder there are still options for students 6-11 to cohort, and as per the Governor's executive order, all students can choose to be completely remote.

We are still planning on having all students grades 1-12 return to in-school instruction under Plan A on April 12th. This means after April 12th there will be no option for any student to cohort, but all students will still have the option to choose full remote. We are working through the final problems of spacing and have received our orders of barriers. In an effort to be truly transparent, we will not be able to have students 6 feet apart. We will have barriers and students will wear masks. However, please be aware that moving to Plan A is contingent on seeing a reduction in our cases numbers.

The current outbreak of cases in our elementary schools appear to be decreasing. If schools are to return to full day instruction for all students, parents need to make sure that their children are following CDC guidelines and engaging in safe activities outside of school.

I was hoping to announce the decision on remote learning following Spring Break today. However, I have decided to wait a few days to see if Governor Murphy adopts Governor Cuomo's travel guidelines that eliminated quarantine for domestic travel that were announced yesterday. Obviously, this change would significantly impact my decision.

Covid Update:

New Cases (since 3/10 update)		
School	Staff/Student	Result
MKM	1 Student	Last Day in School 2/24 No in-school exposure
TPH	2 Students	Last Day in School 3/9 Close Contacts Notified

CMS	1 Staff	Last Day in School 3/5 No in-school exposure
GLHS	1 Student	Fully Remote Student No in-school exposure

Sincerely,

Dr. Melissa Varley