

Dear Families and Staff;

As we enter the final six weeks of the school year, and the pandemic finally begins to ebb, we are closing out the long 2020-21 school year and beginning to plan for reopening in the Fall. As much as the District and the Board of Education would like to bring students back to full days, for a variety of reasons, it is prudent to remain in our current schedule until the end of the school year. However, it is our expectation that we will begin the school year with all students in-building for the full day. Barring an executive order from the Governor, students will no longer have the option to choose remote instruction.

We have received several questions asking if we can stop requiring the completion of the health questionnaire for all students before they come to school. Unfortunately, this process is mandated by the Department of Health. Unless and until the DoH changes its guidelines, we are obligated to require that the form be completed for students to be in school. In response to student and parent concerns we are looking at easing the restrictions on bathroom occupancy.

As the vaccination program has expanded to include high school age students, we have received new guidance on quarantining. Students who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine if they are exposed to a masked person with the virus. In order to help inform our decision making, the Governor Livingston administration will be reaching out to families regarding the vaccination status of students. Families are not obligated to answer, providing this information is COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY. As the guidance on vaccinations is expanding to include ages 12 and up, we will be reaching out to CMS families shortly.

Finally, the district administration is working diligently to implement the timeline for Full Day Kindergarten and the elementary realignment. Our first milestone will be settling the personnel changes. We will be presenting the staff reconfiguration at the May 13th Board of Education meeting.

New Cases (since 4/30 update)		
School	Staff/Student	Result
Woodruff	1 Student	Last day in School 4/27 Close contacts notified
MP	1 Staff Member	Last day in School 4/30 Close Contacts notified

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Melissa Varley