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RE: Back to School Items (Jan.3rd)

Dear **Florham Park Parents/Guardians and Staff**,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Holiday Break and is looking forward to returning to school tomorrow, January 3rd. As communicated prior to the Holiday Break, our district's goal is to continue to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our staff and students, while providing in-person instruction that meets the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Our district continues to be committed to providing a full-day, in-person instructional model and we are planning to reopen in this fashion tomorrow.

In preparation for a safe return back to school, please note the following items:

- ⇒ **COVID-compatible symptoms-** As per previous communications and past practice, if your child is experiencing any COVID-compatible symptoms or exposed to COVID over the break, please contact your child's healthcare provider, and DO NOT send your child to school on Monday, January 3rd.
- ⇒ **COVID test results** - If your child is awaiting the results of a COVID test due to a symptom(s), please keep your child home and await further guidance from your health care provider.
- ⇒ **Masks** - Please send your child into school daily with a well-fitting mask that securely fits over the nose and mouth. Also, send your child with a backup mask should it be needed.
- ⇒ **Virtual Option** - The district will continue to provide a virtual option for students who meet the COVID exclusion criteria upon our return.
- ⇒ **CDC Guidelines** - Over the Holiday Break, the CDC updated its guidelines for isolation and quarantining for the *general public*. Following this CDC release, the NJDOH and NJDOE have informed all school districts that these guidelines have NOT yet been incorporated into school-specific K-12 guidance and advised all districts to continue to adhere to the existing isolation and quarantine protocols. These protocols were in place prior to the Holiday Break and were communicated to our school community in the [12/17/21 Letter](#).
- ⇒ **Staffing** - As has been the case throughout this pandemic, COVID also impacts staffing, ranging from instructional staff to our transportation department. Our district will continue to do our best to cover these positions to have the least amount of disruptions possible. If you are able to be a FP sub, we need your help!
 - Apply to become a FP sub teacher or FP para (*no college credit required for paras*) at [ESS.com](#).
- ⇒ **Isolation/Quarantine-** If your child(ren) is currently isolating or quarantined during this Holiday Break due to COVID, please do not send your child to school on Monday, January 3rd until you have discussed a return date with the school nurse.

The district has been and will continue to be in constant communication with our health department to discuss procedures and scenarios specific to the Florham Park Schools, as well as new recommendations to determine if any changes to our current protocols are required. Please note that all actions and protocols the District has taken regarding COVID-19 have been and continue to be done in consultation with our local health department. Any changes to our protocols and procedures will be communicated in a timely fashion.

As always, thank you for your understanding, cooperation and teamwork.

Sincerely

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates

cc: Mr. Thomas Cantisano, Florham Park Health Officer