

# Roxbury Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

When some believed we would only make it two weeks in September, we moved forward with our carefully constructed re-opening plans, determined to provide an opportunity for teachers and their students to build rapport, to ease anxiety, and to support social emotional needs. Through our collective efforts, we succeeded not for two weeks, but for two and a half months and were able to move into Phase II. Thank you for your determination and careful attention to health and wellness protocols that made all of this possible.

With that said, this weekend proved to be a difficult one with three cases at the middle school and five at the high school that are not linked to exposures outside the school setting. Therefore, in consultation with our local health officials and in following the CDC guidelines, both the middle school and high school will move to virtual instruction beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, November 24th and remain in virtual instruction until Friday, December 11th. Considering the practice of virtual Mondays, in-person instruction will resume on Tuesday, December 15th.

As is typical for 2020, situations can change rapidly. Therefore, while our other school buildings have not experienced the same dramatic outbreak and will remain open, please be aware and prepared for the possibility that other schools may transfer to remote learning as appropriate and necessary.

If the Northwest region of New Jersey should move into the “very high risk” category, the district will be required to implement fully remote learning. Parents should prepare for the possibility of needing increased childcare and activities involving interactions with multiple cohorts of children should be restricted. While temporarily moving into remote learning is a possibility that should be discussed and planned for within families, there is hope. There are several different pharmaceutical companies preparing the first steps in providing us with a COVID-19 vaccine which is scheduled to become available by mid-December.

We will continue to monitor health situations in our district and make decisions as appropriate to protect the health and wellness of our students and staff. While this year has been filled with uncertainty, I hope you will take the opportunity of the upcoming holiday to reflect on the people and experiences for which we can be grateful.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,



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