

January 8, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Hopefully everyone is doing well after the holidays. Let's hope as well that the worst is behind us in regards to the surge in covid-19 cases. Now that we have extended our time with Distance Learning according to the Governor's, RI Commissioner of Education and RIDOH's recommendation, we can once again focus on the rest of the school year without any major interruptions. Will we have to have any days looking ahead that we may still have to quarantine a classroom? As I've stated before, we can't predict what the future will be, only that it will be unpredictable with this virus.

As I mentioned in my email to you on 12/28, we are planning on **returning to full In-person learning next Monday, 1/11**. I have decided that the **Teacher Professional Day scheduled for Monday, 1/25 which would have had students doing distance learning to be cancelled**. We will now plan on having school that day. I have already spoken to both Cranston and Providence Bus Transportation and they were nice enough and agreed to provide busing for us that day. For the record, that day was and is planned on the RI School Calendar as a Distance Learning Day for all schools following that calendar--which we do as well.

And remember as always, anyone with symptoms of covid-19 should stay home from school and contact their healthcare provider for advice. Staff or students with symptoms can call the **PreK-12 COVID-19 Test Scheduling Service at 844-857-1814 to schedule a test**.

By the way, since we didn't get a chance to put Lunch forms in the Teachers mailboxes for students before the break, **please plan on sending your child to school next week with a lunch**. We won't begin with hot lunches until the day after *Martin Luther King Day* which is a holiday on 1/18. Hot lunches will start again the week of 1/19.

As I've said many times thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of time. It's a New Year! I for one am hopeful and excited about brighter days ahead. I don't know what those days will be, but whatever may come our way, we'll face it together!

Mr. Corry