May 5, 2021

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, much discussion has taken place this spring regarding our WE Return to Learn plan, including our April 19th Town Hall Meeting, the follow-up ThoughtExchange, and the April 27th Board of Education Meeting. Last week, we learned that Camden County’s COVID Activity Level Index (CALI) rating has been lowered to “Yellow/Moderate.” Discussions continued on Friday, April 30th with the WE Return to Learn Committee. And on Monday, May 3, 2021, Gov. Murphy announced his plan for lifting most of the current COVID restrictions. In light of all of these considerations, I am pleased to inform you that students in the Hybrid Learning Model will be welcomed into our buildings five days a week, Monday-Friday, beginning Monday, May 17, 2021.

The remaining Mondays of the school year, with the exception of the Memorial Day holiday on May 31st, will be in-person days for all current Hybrid Learning Model students.

In-person students’ arrival and dismissal schedules will remain the same. Students attending online will continue to follow their current log-on and log-off schedules as provided by their teachers for daily instruction.

Families with students receiving Special Education services on Mondays will be notified about their specific schedule of services, if there are any changes.

I know the past 14 months have been a challenge for all of us. I appreciate everyone’s continued dialogue, grit and flexibility. I am grateful to the many members of the WE Return to Learn Committees for the countless hours they have dedicated in service to the educational community of Cherry Hill. Their efforts, creative approaches, and commitment were always dedicated to serving the needs of all the children of Cherry Hill. The committee’s work has provided an educationally and developmentally appropriate foundation from which we will continue to build as we look forward.

End-of-the-year activities are being planned and your child’s school will share the dates, times and other details for the events. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as our building principals and staff work out the details. We look forward to celebrating our transitioning 5th, 8th and 12th grade students in appropriate, memorable ways.

I look forward to our students and staff finishing the 2020-2021 school year strong as we continue to prepare for returning to school for full days, five days per week, in September 2021!

If you have questions specific to your child’s situation, please reach out directly to your building principal.

Regards,

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